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Happy New Year 1927

This is a personal New Year's greeting to every member of the Staff. Relatively we are a new organization. Our growth has been rapid. From a few hundred employees our number has grown until today we have over 2,000 workers. Why this great increase?

It is true that the problems which have been undertaken were important and pressing. This fact alone would have brought increases both in appropriations and personnel, but frankly I do not believe this is the real reason for the outstanding development of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Rather, it seems to me, it has come from the fact that always we have had men and women in the Bureau whose first thoughts have been thoughts of service—sincere, loyal, devoted service. This spirit of devotion to one's job has been the bulwark of our success.

Now we enter a new year. I undertake my new duties with confidence, not in my own ability but in the realization that we have here the largest and best-trained group of men and women for our kind of work in the world. We have great problems ahead but unitedly we can enter 1927 with confidence.

Lloyd S. Benson

1. LIBRARY SUPPLEMENT TO CHANGE ITS NAME.

Beginning with the issue for January, 1927, the Library Supplement to THE NEWS will change its name to AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS LITERATURE. The Library Supplement has been issued since January, 1923. In that year there were only six issues, January, February, April, June, August, and December. Beginning with January, 1924, there has been an issue each month with the exception of July and August, 1925 and 1926, so that a full set consists of 33 numbers.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS LITERATURE will begin with Vol. 1, No. 1, January, 1927, and will be continuously paged. It will not be sent, as heretofore, to everyone on the mailing list of the B. A. E. NEWS, as it is believed that a substantial saving can be effected by sending it only to those who really find it of use. However, the first issue will be sent out with a circular letter to the entire B. A. E. NEWS mailing list. The circular letter will ask that the blank provided at the bottom of the page be filled in and returned to those in the Bureau who care to receive the new periodical regularly. A prompt reply will be necessary to prevent addresses being dropped.

2. ILLUSTRATIONS FOR MIMEOGRAPH MATERIAL REQUIRE REQUISITION FORMS.

Requisitions must accompany all requests for illustrations to be made in or through the Addressograph and Duplicating Section, these requisitions to be made out on the usual forms and signed in the Division of Economic Information. Unless special circumstances justify it, these illustrations should not be ordered in advance of the submittal of the text material which they are to illustrate. The belief that this hastens the finished job has been proven wrong in several instances. Sometimes the plates are not readily located in the A. & D. Section and placed with the text when it is sent over at a later date; sometimes, in the course of editing the text, it is decided to reduce the number of illustrations or to eliminate them. In the long run the best results will be obtained by following the usual custom of requisitions.

3. PERSONNEL CHANGES TO BE MADE IN CROP ESTIMATES DIVISION.

The work of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates as planned for 1927, will place increased responsibility upon the field statisticians, especially in the matter of handling surveys relating to acreage and numbers of livestock. Much of the work heretofore performed in Washington in connection with these surveys will be handled in the field offices. This will mean a reduction in the personnel in Washington and an increase in the field.

It will take most of the coming year to effect the necessary changes however and the situations will most likely be taken care of through shifts or transfers to the field from the Washington office.

COTTON CONFERENCE HERE MONDAY, NEXT

A conference of producers, members of the trade and others, will be held in the Chief's office Monday, January 10 to discuss features affecting the sale of snap cotton.

4. WEEKLY FEED

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MARKETING SERVICE.

The Hay, Feed and Seeds Division has completed arrangements for issuing a Feed Marketing Review on Thursdays. This service will be similar to the grain and hay market review furnished by the Division, and will be a discussion on the supply and demand for feed, with prevailing wholesale prices at distributing markets. They are to be issued from Washington, Chicago, Kansas City and Minneapolis, and will furnish to dairymen and farmers the latest information on the feed which they must buy. While the service is designed primarily for the consumer, it will likewise benefit producers and the trade.

G.A. Collier will handle this work in addition to the service on grain and hay. He will be assisted by Francis C. Bisson at Chicago; by B.H. Henley at Kansas City; and by William R. Keene at Minneapolis.

5. "HOUSEWIVES' MARKET BASKET" IN CHICAGO.

In addition to the daily market reports, prepared by the Chicago Fruit and Vegetable office and broadcast by Stations KYW and WLS, R.E. Corbin, of the Chicago staff, has been preparing for Station WLS (Sears-Roebuck Foundation) a weekly story on fruits and vegetables, called the "Housewives' Market Basket." Mrs. Dickey, the home economics expert, who does the actual broadcasting of this story, reports that she has a large, appreciative audience, which looks forward to this weekly feature, and she compliments the Chicago office on the human interest put into these "Housewives' Market Basket" talks.

6. THIS IS IMPORTANT.

In spite of repeated instructions to the Bureau personnel, both in Washington and in the field, it seems necessary because of continued erroneous handling of compensation cases, to call attention again to the procedure to be followed when employees are injured in the performance of their official duties.

All injuries either of a trivial or serious nature should be reported immediately to the official superior, using Form C.A. 1 for that purpose. This report, together with the official superior's own report, on Form C.A. 2, should be forwarded promptly to the Employment Manager at Washington. When the employee has fully recovered, Form C.A. 3 should be furnished the Washington office in order that the case may be closed. Form C.A. 4 (Claim for Compensation on Account of Injury) should be submitted only where three days beyond the allotted annual and sick leave have been taken. All forms should be furnished in duplicate, as one copy is sent to the Compensation Commission and the other retained in the personnel folder of the employee concerned.

When a special fee is charged for filling out the medical certificate or any other certificate required on one of these forms, reimbursement cannot be made by the Commission. A receipt should be taken for any moneys expended under any conditions.

Attention is particularly called to the fact that employees must avail themselves of the medical facilities provided under the Compensation Act, and physicians or hospitals other than those designated by the Commission (see Circular C.A. 73) must not be utilized. As explained in the B.A.E. News of February 3, 1926, limited printing funds of the Employees' Compensation Commission prohibit the furnishing of Circular C. A. 76 to all employees in Washington, or to those in

our branch offices, but information concerning medical and hospital facilities available may and should be obtained by those offices from local postmasters and kept on file for ready reference when injuries occur. Injuries to Washington employees should receive attention at the local Public Health Service Relief Station No. 339, Post Office Building, 12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., the employee being furnished with Form C.A. 16 (Request for Treatment). A supply of all forms is maintained in the office of the Employment Manager and may be had upon request.

The cooperation of section and division leaders, both in Washington and the field, is requested in circulating these instructions to all employees under their supervision.

7. SPECIALIST IN COTTON CLASSING, \$3,800.

An open competitive examination, unassembled, is announced by the Civil Service Commission, for duty in Washington and in the field, for the position of specialist in cotton classing.

Duties will include classification of cotton submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture, and the preparation and final inspection of official cotton standards. Also the investigation and quotation of cotton prices, and in the enforcement of provisions of the Cotton Futures Act.

Applicants will not be required to report at any given place for examination, but will be rated on education, experience or fitness and on a thesis or discussion to be filed with application for this position. Graduation from an institution of standing is required, with at least six years' experience. In special cases an additional year of experience may be substituted for each year of college work lacking.

Applicants should apply at once for Form 2118, stating the title of the examination, also for a copy of this announcement, No. 13.

8. LOST PERSONNEL FOLDERS.

A recent check of personnel folders discloses two missing - one the folder of Miss Hilda Lantz, the other that of C. E. Trout. While a definite charge has been made against one of the Divisions for Miss Lantz' folder, it is reported that a search does not reveal it there now. It is requested that the Divisions please ascertain if they have either of these folders, or any others for which no charge has been made, and if any are found, to return them promptly to the Personnel Section.

Hereafter no personnel folders will be permitted to be taken from the Personnel Section except for the personal use of the Division leader. Anyone else desiring such folders will make application to the clerk in the personnel record room to see the folder in the section, stating the purpose for which the information is desired. The material in the folders is confidential and is available only for official use. Any folder loaned for the use of a division leader must be returned within twenty-four hours.

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The AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATION BILL was reported to the Senate by the Appropriation's Committee on January 3. An amount of \$25,000 was added to the item for Marketing and Distributing Farm Products for a study of the utilization of cotton, and \$10,000 to the United States Warehouse Act. Other items remained the same as in the House bill.

9. TRAINING CLASS FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTORS.

Four members of the Fruit and Vegetable staff and one member of the Idaho State staff reported for the inspectors' training class at Chicago, Monday. They are H.L.Geer, of the New York inspection office; H.S.Moles, of the Chicago inspection office; W.A.Hilgeson, of the Chicago staff; Bryce Morris, of the Chicago market news office; and Harry Sabin, of the Idaho State inspection staff, who will attend the class at State expense.

All regular full time inspectors in the service are trained in these classes which have been held at intervals for the past five or six year, depending on the needs of the service.

10. NEW FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION OFFICE OPENS.

On January 3 the Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service opened an office in Toledo, Ohio. This is the fourth city in Ohio to furnish inspection service, the other cities being Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus. Field offices are now maintained in over half of the States of the country, many of the more important producing sections requiring several offices. California has five cities giving inspection service.

F.M.Lyle will be in charge. The location is Room 2, Post Office Building.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

11. ECONOMIC RESEARCH AS A BASIS FOR AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENTS AND PRODUCTION PROGRAMS is the subject of a paper prepared by H.R.Tolley and J.W.Tapp, and presented at the annual meeting of the New England Research Council, at Boston in October. This paper has been mimeographed and is available in this form.

12. HOUSING CONDITIONS AMONG 947 WHITE FARM FAMILIES OF TEXAS, a preliminary report by Dr. E.L.Kirkpatrick, gives partial results of a study of the housing conditions in that section, and for the year ending June 30, 1924.

13. SAMPLING MILLED RICE FOR GRADING PURPOSES and

SOME SUGGESTIONS REGARDING RICE THRESHING, both by W.D.Smith give information as indicated. These mimeographed leaflets are available for distribution.

14. MOISTURE IN RICE BEFORE AND AFTER MILLING is the title of an article by W.D. Smith, which appeared in the Rice Journal in June, 1926. This article has been mimeographed with accompanying table of comparison by ranges of percentages.

STATISTICS OF GRAINS, as Separate Number 920 of the 1925 Yearbook, is available in convenient form. Pages 743 to 858, inclusive, are reprinted for this purpose. Compilations were made by W.F.Callander, Mrs. Charlotte M. Ward, C.G.Carpenter, Miss Lila Thompson, Miss Georgia E. Cantrell, Miss Caroline G.Gries, Mrs. June A. Hodgkins, John L. Wilson, P.F.Brookens, James J. Window, and T.A.Sommers.

15. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending December 31 are:

- Barber, J. H. Budgeting to the business cycle... New York, The Ronald press company [1925] (Ronograph library no. 38)
- Brookings, R. S. The proposed European economic conferences... Garden City, N. Y., The Country life press, 1926.
- Dawson, H., & co. Statistical review of the wool & wool textile trades, 1912-1925. London, H. Dawson & co., 1926.
- Goodwin, F. D. Beyond city limits; a study of the relation of the church to rural life... New York, The National council 1926.
- International institute of agriculture. International yearbook of agricultural legislation, 15th year, 1925... Rome, 1926.
- National association of cotton manufacturers. Year book... with cotton manufacturers manual 1926. [Boston, Wright & Potter, printing company, 1926]
- New Orleans cotton exchange. 56th annual report... year ending Oct. 31, 1926. New Orleans, Graham printing company, ltd., 1926.
- Rice millers' association. Preliminary estimate rice acreage 1926... New Orleans, Rice millers' association, 1926.
- Rice millers' association. Statistics of the rice crop year 1925-1926... New Orleans, Rice millers' association, 1926.
- Taylor, Carl C. Rural sociology. A study of rural problems. New York and London, Harper and brothers, 1926. (Harper's social science series, F. S. Chapin, editor)
- U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade information bulletin. no.443. New Zealand; its resources and foreign trade, by Emmett A. Chapman. Oct. 1926.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU

Mr. Olsen returned to Washington Monday afternoon after spending last week in St. Louis at the annual meeting of American Farm Economics Society, and in Des Moines, Iowa.

H. W. Samson, Fruit and Vegetable Standardization, will address two meetings this week. On Wednesday he will be at Baltimore for the meeting of the Maryland State Horticultural Society, going to Worcester, on Thursday to address the Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association.

George A. Scott, Livestock Statistician at Salt Lake City, Utah; Gustavo Burmeister, Livestock Statistician at Houston, Texas; M. M. Justin, Agricultural Statistician, at Lafayette, Indiana; and Frank Rood, Assistant Statistician of Lincoln, Nebraska will report in Washington January 8 for three weeks to assist in making up the annual live stock report.

James W. Jones, Cooperative Marketing, who has been in Kentucky for several weeks, will return to Washington before filling a place on the program of the Annual State Extension Conference at the Virginia A. & M. College, Blacksburg, on Wednesday.

Miss Lucile Pettengill of the Omaha Grain Office, spent the Holidays in Minneapolis, where she was greeted by her former co-workers in that office.

E. W. Stillwell, Fruits and Vegetables, will attend a meeting of the Maryland Vegetable Growers' Association in Baltimore, on Thursday.

K. B. Gardner, Cooperative Marketing, has returned from St. Louis and East St. Louis where he spent the past week on work incident to studies in cooperative marketing.

The Listing Section, Crop and Livestock Estimates, under the supervision of Neil M. Goen, enjoyed a delightful Christmas party. The beautiful tree with presents for all, and the elaborate luncheon served afterward, were features of the festive occasion.

Daniel A. Ford, of the State of New Jersey, has been appointed as Meat Grader in the New York City office of the Marketing Livestock, Meats and Wool Division. Mr. Ford held positions as meat inspector and as lay inspector in the Bureau of Animal Industry from 1908 to 1924, except for the two-year period, 1917 to 1919, when he was inspector of subsistence supplies for the War Department. Other experience includes serving as promotion and sales manager with packing and wholesale firms in Iowa and in the East.

Visitors to the Bureau recently were F. H. Scruggs of Sanford, Florida, and L. E. Eliff, of Ohio, both formerly of the Fruit and Vegetable Division.

Miss Anna DeWees, Statistical and Historical Research, accompanied by her sister, visited relatives in Sebring, Florida, for two weeks including the Holidays.

Miss Mary G. Lacy, Librarian of the Bureau, has returned from Richmond, Virginia, where she spent Christmas week.

Miss Emily Day, Library, went to her home in Buffalo for the Holidays.

J. S. Hathcock, who is doing graduate work at Cornell University this year, came to Washington during the Christmas vacation to complete some studies he had under way when he left the Division of Cooperative Marketing in October.

John A. Thomas, Jr., of the Duluth Grain Office, spent Christmas at Maben, Mississippi.

Announcement has been received of the marriage of Cortez G. Randell, Cooperative Marketing, to Miss Caroline Edna Schmidt of Kansas City, Missouri, on December 23. Mrs. Randell is a talented violinist and well known in the West where she will remain for the present. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Randell a long and happy married life.

Jasper F. Walker of Ohio has been given a temporary appointment in the Division of Cooperative Marketing, as Consulting Specialist for special work on wool marketing, effective January 3. His appointment is the first move toward making studies in the cooperative marketing of wool as provided when the Division was aided by further appropriations, last June. Other commodities already included in the program of research are fruits and vegetables, grain, cotton, and dairy and poultry products.

For the past twenty years Mr. Walker has devoted much time to the technical study of sheep breeding and management and to wool in its grades and application to cloth manufacture. He is an owner of fine wool sheep, his entries having been awarded the Gold Medal at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Delaine Merino Record Association since 1909 and was President of the organization for two years. He has been Secretary and Field Manager of the Ohio Wool Growers' Cooperative Association for several years. As Head of the Wool Department of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Mr. Walker has been granted leave of absence to serve in this Bureau.

We learn with regret of the death of Dr. Robert S. Trimble, father of Robert S. Trimble, Section of Periodic Reports, which occurred on Monday. Dr. Trimble was a Washington physician.

C. L. Cannon, of the Toledo Grain office, has completed his vacation which he began December 15.

Orris Brazzill, of the Toledo Grain office, is having serious trouble with his eye caused by infection.

R. C. Wright, of the Sioux City Grain Office, spent Christmas at his home in Minneapolis and called at the local branch office before returning to his post.

E. A. Hill, Grain Supervisor at Denver, had the misfortune to have his hand mashed recently, while Hazen P. English of the Chicago office, has been quite ill at his home there. These items were somewhat mixed in the Christmas Number of THE NEWS, Apologies to the gentlemen involved!

Our sympathy is extended to Dr. L. C. Gray, Land Economics, in the death of his father, Lewis Pressley Gray, which occurred today (Tuesday). Mr. Gray who would have celebrated his 79th birthday in February, had resided with Dr. Gray several years.

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A GREETING FROM THE SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Tenny:

With the opening of a new year I am impressed by the constructive achievements which the Department of Agriculture has made during the past year. These have been due in no small measure to the self-sacrificing labors performed in the various bureaus and offices. The scientific ability and zeal for truth shown by you and your colleagues are worthy of high tribute. Please accept for yourself and your associates my cordial wishes for a new year full of continued achievement and happiness.

Sincerely yours,

W M Jardine

2. COTTON TRADE AND BUREAU OFFICIALS

CONFER ON QUESTIONS OF FUTURE CONTRACTS.

Representatives of agricultural colleges, cotton manufacturers associations, cotton cooperatives, cotton exchanges and shippers organizations met with Bureau officials in the Chief's office yesterday to consider questions which have arisen over the development of new methods of harvesting cotton in their relation to tendering cotton on future contracts. Mr. Tenny and A.W. Palmer, Cotton Division, met with the representatives.

The feeling was expressed generally at the meeting that the present procedure in classing cotton under the Cotton Futures act was being conducted in the most practicable method under the circumstances.

It was the consensus of opinion that nothing should be done to cause cotton that is being harvested under the newer methods to be sold at discounts, but it should stand on its own merits, which is the policy that the Bureau always has followed, and which policy the Bureau will continue to follow.

In response to invitations, the following organizations and institutions were represented and participated in the conference.

Clemson Agricultural College, H.W. Barre and D.R. Coker; American Cotton Growers Exchange, C.B. Howard and C.O. Moser; National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, Ward Thoron and Russell Fisher; New England Cotton Buyers Association, Henry G. Brooks; New Orleans Cotton Exchange, John F. Finke; Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, W.W. Pitts; Oklahoma A.&M. College, C.T. Dowell, Dean; New York Cotton Exchange, S.T. Hubbard, Jr.; Atlantic Cotton Association, George P. Robertson; Chicago Board of Trade, William R. Meadows; Texas Cotton Association, H.G. Safford and M.H. Reed; American Cotton Shippers Association, P.T. Haskell, J.P. Fuesler and R.C. Dickerson.

3. CROP REPORTING DATES FOR 1927.

The following crop reporting dates for the first six months of 1927 have been announced tentatively by the Crop Reporting Board:

January 21, 4 p.m., report on number and value of livestock on farms.

March 8, 2 p.m., reports on stocks on farms and shipments out of county of corn, wheat, oats, barley and rye.

March 18, 2 p.m., report on intentions to plant spring-sown crops, except cotton.

April 8, 2 p.m., reports on condition of winter wheat, rye and pasture; also reports on condition in certain States of peaches, orange trees, lemon trees, and grapefruit trees.

May 9, 3 p.m., reports on area remaining for harvest, and condition of winter wheat and rye; stock of hay on farms; condition of hay, meadows and pasture. Also reports on condition in certain States of peaches, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, apricots, cherries, and almonds.

May 17, 11 a.m., revision of the report on acreage and yield of cotton in 1925.

June 9, 3 p.m., reports on condition of winter wheat, spring wheat, oats, barley, rye, hay, pasture, apples, peaches, pears, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, apricots, cherries, olives, prunes, plums, almonds, and walnuts.

These tentative dates have been established pending the issuance of crop regulations covering dates for the entire year, unless other dates within the particular months be prescribed by law or amendment to the regulations.

4. SPECIAL GRAIN REVIEW FOR PACIFIC COAST FARMERS.

Beginning Saturday, a special grain market review featuring barley and wheat for the Pacific Coast farmers, will be issued from San Francisco.

This review will take the place of the present grain market review distributed from that office, and will make available more information on the two grains which are of greatest interest to producers in that region. Farmers in the Coast States find a more satisfactory market in shipping their grain by boat to England, rather than in shipping overland; therefore they are interested in the English market prices for barley and other information such as this review will contain.

W.E. Schneider, of the San Francisco Livestock, Meats and Wool office will handle these reviews for the present.

5. THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION
APPEARS IN PRINTED FORM.

Beginning January 1, with Vol. 11, The Agricultural Situation, edited by A.B. Genung, Economic Information, appears in printed form, bulletin size, on blue paper. The material contained in it is the same as previously appeared in it in multigraphed form.

The mailing lists are being revised and copies will be sent free as in the past, to officials and cooperators, but subscriptions may be sent by others at 25 cents a year, upon application to the Superintendent of Documents.

The change to printed form has been made to give the publication more permanent value and to enable it to be circulated for a subscription price. The January issue contains 24 pages including statements on the situation on various commodities in key States.

6. REPORT ON THE
AGRICULTURAL SITUATION.

The events of 1926 convey a clear warning for the Cotton Belt, reasonable assurance to livestock producers, and suggest conservation generally as to crop acreage in 1927, the Bureau concludes in its January 1 report on the agricultural situation.

"Considering the country as a whole," the report says, "1926 seems to have registered in the minds of a majority of farmers as a disappointing year. The rise in prices of farm products in 1924, which was fairly well sustained during 1925, had aroused still further hopes for 1926, but the sharp slump in cotton, grain, and fruit prices this fall reduced the purchasing power of extensive regions and brought the season to a rather depressing close. Many producers of winter wheat, potatoes, and certain livestock products did well, however.

"The crop season was a harassing one with very late spring, widespread drought in early summer and much rain during harvest. Although the major crops finally turned out about average yields, their quality was lowered, with much consequent discount to farmers from the nominal market prices. The value of the principal crops, based upon prices December 1, was \$7,801,000,000 compared with \$8,949,000,000 a year ago. In spite of lower prices, however, about 2,000,000 acres or 5 per cent greater area of winter wheat was sown this fall than last."

A brighter picture is painted for the livestock industries. The dairy industry is reported to have had a favorable spread between milk and feed prices most of the year, poultry producers were relatively prosperous, and hog producers have had the most advantageous spread between corn and hog prices in several years, although the cholera epidemic last fall wiped out many opportunities for profit.

"Cattle feeders did not have a very profitable experience last winter," according to the report, "yet the movement of cattle into the Corn Belt up to December 1 indicated about as large a volume of feeding this winter as last. Range cattlemen appear optimistic. The number of sheep and lambs on feed December 1 apparently exceeded last year's number by at least 200,000 head, the increase being in the Corn Belt with a heavy decrease in Colorado. The recent pig survey covering 11 Corn Belt States indicates only about 4 per cent increase in the fall pig crop, less than 1 per cent increase in the total 1926 pig crop, no increase in the 1927 spring pig crop, and a probable decrease in hog slaughter during the marketing year 1926-27."

7. PROCUREMENT OF PERSONAL
SERVICES IN THE FIELD.

The Comptroller General rendered several decisions prior to July 1, 1926 which hold that stenographic reporting is a personal service and that in the absence of express statutory authority Departments may not contract for such work on a lump sum or page basis but must have the work done by employees whose rates of compensation are fixed in harmony with those prescribed in the classification act of March 4, 1923.

To meet this condition legislative authority was requested of Congress and this was granted by incorporating in the current appropriation act for the Department of Agriculture a provision which reads: "That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to contract for stenographic reporting service and the appropriations made in this Act shall be available for such purposes."

However, the Comptroller General rendered a decision on October 28, 1926 which reads in part: "While the said statute (Section 3709, Revised Statutes) does not require advertising in cases of personal services, the personal services here involved as a matter of contract go to the manner of performance of the service - which is that of reporting - and being now authorized as a contractual matter the procedure must be generally as in other matters of contracting by obtaining the service through competitive bids".

Under these circumstances employees who procure stenographic reporting service must obtain competition in accordance with paragraph 67 of the fiscal regulations of the Department. Forms for the proposals and acceptances, U.S.D.A. #16, can be obtained from the section of Property and Supplies. Identical specifications must be submitted to each bidder. If it is impracticable to forward the bids to Washington for acceptance by the Officer in charge of Purchases, Sales and Traffic, due to the element of time, acceptance may be obtained by telegraph, provided the lowest bid is to be accepted. In deciding which is the lowest bid, the price of carbon copies, as well as the price of the original copy, must be taken into consideration.

The prohibition as to the procurement of personal services on a lump sum or piece work basis is a general rule and it follows that unless otherwise provided personal services cannot be procured in this way.

8. USE NEW FORMS FOR
ALL FORMAL CONTRACTS.

The Director of Personnel and Business Administration calls attention through P. B. A. Circular No. 53, to the Standard Contract Forms Nos. 21-25 inclusive, which are to be used in connection with every formal contract for the construction or repairs of public buildings or works. This makes the two bid forms, 21 and 23, and the form for instructions to bidders, 23, obligatory only when formal contract is to follow. However, where the cost of such repairs or additions does not exceed \$500, it will be permissible to use the present Department supply bid form in inviting proposals for repairs or additions to buildings at a cost not expected to exceed \$500, and to accept bids within the limit indicated without formal contract.

9. FEDERAL GRADES FOR BURLEY
TOBACCO ESTABLISHED.

The Division of Warehousing announces that standard grades have been established for U.S. Type 31, known as Burley tobacco. There are fifty-six standard grades for Burley tobacco, each clearly defined with respect to quality, color and length.

On the basis of production, Burley tobacco is the largest type grown in the United States out of a total of twenty-nine types. Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, and West Virginia produce it as one of the leading farm crops, while other southern States raise it in considerable quantities. Burley furnishes a large portion of the cigarette, pipe, and chewing tobacco consumed in this country.

The grades for this commodity have been prepared for use under the Warehouse act, as a basis for collateral valuation, and will form a convenient basis of exchange between seller and buyer, buyer and manufacturer, and will be useful to producers in sorting their tobacco for market.

Specifications of the grades have been prepared in mimeograph form for distribution.

10. TRADE ADOPTING BUREAU'S
RECOMMENDATIONS ON SEED GRAIN.

A recent examination of the record forms of some of the largest seed firms, discloses that most of them incorporated the important features of tentative forms which have been prepared by the Bureau for the purpose of verifying the origin of seed, states G.C. Edler, Hay, Feed and Seed Division, who returned last week from middle western seed markets.

At the close of the Second Seed Marketing Conference, the International Crop Improvement Association, and the Wholesale Grass Seed Dealers' Association at Chicago early in December, Mr. Edler went to seed markets in that section where he learned that the seed reports issued by the Division have been well received. Seedsmen in general seemed more optimistic over the prospective spring demand for seeds.

More interest was displayed in seed stock records than heretofore, largely because the Wholesale Grass Seed Dealers' Association recently approved the keeping of complete stock records by all distributors of seed.

11. BUREAU TO ASSIST IN
PAN AMERICAN STANDARDIZATION CONFERENCE.

The Organizing Committee of the Second Pan American Conference on Standardization held a meeting at headquarters of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, in New York City on Monday, to which they invited Mr. Tenny.

On account of the Cotton Meeting scheduled for the same day, the Chief was unable to attend and appointed G.T. Willingmyre, Wool Marketing Investigations and Standardizations, to represent him.

In this meeting plans will be laid for the Second Pan American Standardization Conference to be held in Washington in the Spring, the First Pan American Standardization Conference having convened at Lima, Peru, in December 1924. The origin, purpose, nature and scope of the Pan American Conference will be discussed, including topics of interest to producers and exporters in the Latin-American countries.

12. MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN DECEMBER.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during December:

Handbook of U. S. grades for milled rice.

Handbook of U. S. grades for rough rice.

Jones, J. W. and Jesness, O. B. : Membership relations of cooperative associations. For Dept. Cir. 407.

Pailthorp, R. R. and Park, J. W. : Extent and causes of rejections of Northwestern boxed apples. For Mis. Cir.

Strowbridge, J. W. : Origin and distribution of the commercial potato crop. For Dept. Bul.

Unclean seed wheat causes loss of millions. Mis. Cir. 95.

Weickling, E. H. : The Farm real estate situation. For Dept. Cir.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Arner, G. B. L. : The World Sugar Situation. For Journal of Commerce.

Brookens, P. F. : Foreign Butter Seeks United States Markets. For Journal of Commerce.

Christensen, O. L. : New Division of Cooperative Marketing to Serve Cooperative Movement. For Farm Journal.

Christensen, C. L. : What an American Can Learn from Danish Agriculture. For Scandanavian-American Review.

Davis, R. W. : Precooling berries at Puyallup. For Packing and Shipping.

Kuhrt, W. J. : Analysis of Costs of Operation of a Group of Farm Elevators. For Farmers Elevator Guide.

Randell, C. G. : With the Producers Cattle Pool in the Highland Country of West Texas. For National Livestock Producer.

Sherman, C. B.: Food in Farm Households. For American Food Journal.

Stine, O. C.: The World Wheat Crop. For Journal of Commerce.

Swarthout, A. V.: Satisfy the Consumer's Preference. For Cooperative Marketing Journal.

Tapp, J. W.: Principle of Comparative Advantage Applied to Farm Management Studies of Regional Competition Between Farmers. For Journal of Farm Management.

Thompson, L. K.: A Review of World Crops. For Journal of Commerce.

ETHELYN C. WINSLOW.

Miss Ethelyn C. Winslow, Assistant to Miss Emily E. Clark, Estimates and Reports, died suddenly at Sibley Hospital on Friday night, January 7, following an illness of only one day.

She was at office on Thursday and apparently in her usual good health when she walked up town at 4:30. Next day she remained home suffering with an attack of indigestion. When a physician was called he ordered an immediate operation, but after arriving at the hospital, she did not rally sufficiently to withstand the operation.

Miss Winslow came to Washington from Pennsylvania during the period of the World War and worked in the office of the War Trade Board for more than a year. She came to this Bureau early in 1919, and was assigned to the Nitrate Section for a few months, and later to the Addressing and Duplicating Section as Head Clerk. In June, 1922 she was appointed to fill the place in Miss Clark's office made vacant by the transfer of Miss Maud Kuyk to Raleigh, N.C., which position she held at the time of her death.

Her work at all times was characterized by a high type of efficiency, faithfulness and initiative. In assisting with the compilation of the estimates of appropriations for the entire Bureau and in the preparation of special reports, she had become well-known. By her cheerful, sympathetic personality, she had made a host of friends who will miss her.

A brother at East Brady, Pa. survives, her mother having died about three years ago. The funeral service held here on Monday afternoon, was attended by a large number of the local staff, and interment will be at Reynoldsville, Pa.

14. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending January 7 are:

The farmers' red book and agricultural annual, 1927. London, 1926.

Michigan potato growers' exchange. 8th annual report, 1925/26.
[Cadillac? Mich., 1926]

Moulton, H.G. & Pasvolsky, L. World war debt settlements ...
New York, The Macmillan company, 1926. (Institute of economics.
Investigations in international economic reconstruction)

Norway. Oplysningskontor for naeringsveiene. Norges eksportkalender
for aaret, 1926. Oslo, J.W. Cappelens forlag, 1926.

U.S. Bureau of the budget. Message of the President of the United States
transmitting the budget for the service of the fiscal year ending
June 30, 1928. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U.S. Bureau of the census. Annual report of the Director of the
census ... for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926. Washington,
Govt. print. off., 1926.

U.S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce ... Analyzing statistics
of foreign trade in leather. Importance of shipper's export declar-
ation ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U.S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Annual report of the
Director ... to the Secretary of commerce, 1925/26. Washington,
Govt. print. off., 1926.

U.S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Practical aids to American
business ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U.S. Federal trade commission. Annual report, 1925/26. Washington,
Govt. print. off., 1926.

U.S. War finance corporation. Annual report, 9th, 1925/26. Washington,
Govt. print. off., 1926.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

15. PHILADELPHIA STRAWBERRY MARKET, Season 1926, a mimeographed review, was compiled by E.R.Biddle and J.W.Coleman. Copies of this report may be had.
16. THE FARM REAL ESTATE SITUATION, 1920-1926 was issued in December as a preliminary statement by the Division of Land Economics. Copies of this release are available.
17. FOREIGN TRADE OF THE UNITED STATES IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, as Separate 924 of the 1925 Yearbook, was compiled by G.B.Arner, Lewis B. Flohr, Miss Caroline G. Greis, and Mrs. Fanny M. Palmer.
18. THE VIRGINIA DAIRY INDUSTRY is the title of a bulletin compiled jointly with the Virginia Department of Agriculture, Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, and V. P. I. Extension Division, in 1926.
19. CALIFORNIA ASPARAGUS for the Season 1926, has been issued as a summary by C.J.Hansen and O.W.Holmes. This report is based on the market service for asparagus from March 15 to May 8, in the California Delta Section. Shipments, acreage, unloads in principal markets and prices received during the season, with other items of interest are included.
20. STANDARD TOBACCO SIZES, prepared by F. B. Wilkinson under authority of the U. S. Warehouse Act, are presented and described in Mis. Cir. 83, just off the press. This circular, which is handbook size, contains miniature charts illustrating the different sizes, three plans for constructing tobacco sizing boards and a plan for constructing a tobacco sizing table.
21. STATISTICS OF FARM ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS as Separate 923 of the 1925 Yearbook, has been issued in this form for convenience, and copies may be had in limited numbers. The material was compiled by W.F.Callander, Lewis B. Flohr, Joseph A. Becker, G.B.L.Arner, C.F.Sarle, C.L.Harlan, Miss Sallie F. Clower, Mrs. Charlotte M. Ward, Miss Caroline G. Gries, Mrs. June A. Hodgkins, Mrs. Florence C. Fitch, Miss Lila Thompson, T.R.Hamilton, Miss Esther Johnson, James J. Window, L.V.Steere, P.P.Brookens, T.R.Pirtle, Wm. Broxton and Miss Edna M. Jordan.
22. STATISTICS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES as Separate No. 921 from the 1925 Yearbook is available in convenient form, including pages 859 to 946. The material was compiled by W.F.Callander, Lewis B. Flohr, Joseph A. Becker, G. G. Arner, C.F.Sarle, Miss Sallie F. Clower, Mrs. Charlotte M. Ward, Fred J. Blair, J.B. Shepard, Miss Lucile McKeever, Chas. E. Gage, Miss Lila Thompson, Miss Ingeborg Gronvold, T.R. Hamilton, Miss Florence G. Miles, Mrs. Carrie H. Kardell, Miss Caroline G.Gries, Mrs. June A. Hodgkins, P.F.Brookens, C.G.Carpenter, Mrs. Florence C. Fitch, Miss Magdalen H. Burger, James J. Window, E. M. Daggit, Mrs. Jeanne Cavanagh, Harold J. Clay, and J.E.Barr.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Tenny will leave Washington January 16 en route to Urbana, Illinois, where he will deliver two addresses during Farmers' Week. January 18 he will proceed to Minneapolis and while there will address those in attendance at the Farmers' Week meetings of the University of Minnesota and also the members of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation at their annual meeting. It is expected that Mr. Tenny will return to Washington about January 24.

J.H. Lister, Cooperative Marketing, has gone to Chicago and Detroit relative to a market study of prunes being made by the Division.

William I. Holt, London Representative of the Cotton Division, and Asher Hobson of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, were due to arrive at Port Said January 4 where they will do research work in Egypt and in North Africa.

A. W. McKay, and A. V. Swarthout, Cooperative Marketing, and B. H. Critchfield of Farm Management and Costs, went last week to Philadelphia, New York, and Boston to confer with sales agencies and others relative to a study involving the market analysis of prunes. H. F. Buchanan, also of Cooperative Marketing, went to Philadelphia in connection with this project.

Miss Florence M. Sheffield, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is being transferred from Denver, Colorado to Las Cruces, New Mexico, effective January 16. Miss Sheffield was formerly a member of Statistical and Historical Research in Washington.

William A. Schoenfeld, of the Cooperative Marketing New England Milk Survey work in Boston, came to Washington last week to confer regarding this study.

H. W. Hawthorne, Farm Management and Costs, has gone to Tennessee for two weeks to assist with a farm business study to be conducted in certain counties.

Harry E. Ratcliffe has been appointed as Assistant Economist in the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, effective January 3. He will assist in the work of the Market Statistics Section. For the past two years Mr. Ratcliffe has been serving as county agent in Kansas, his native State. He graduated from the Kansas Agricultural College in 1923 and received his M.S. degree in agricultural economics at the close of the fall term, 1924.

Paul A. Ewing, Associate Irrigation Economist, Bureau of Public Roads, Berkeley, Calif., has been authorized by the Division of Land Economics to come to Washington for about 6 weeks to assist R. P. Teele with the completion of the final report on "The Economic Limits of Cost of Water for Irrigation," a study which has been conducted jointly by the Bureau of Public Roads and our Bureau, and on which there have been a number of preliminary reports issued.

J.G. Cross, Transportation Specialist of the Bureau, will leave about January 15 for Wilmington, N. C., Jacksonville, Fla., Houston, Texas, Detroit, Mich., Chicago, and St. Louis to interview railroad officials who cooperate with the Bureau in furnishing shipment reports of fruits and vegetables.

E.J. Way will leave this week for Boston where he will make arrangements for the tabulation of data in the New England Milk Survey.

It is with interest that we learn that Miss Julia Strong, formerly of the Grain Division at Cairo, Illinois, is meeting with success in her chosen vocation. She has a part in the musical operetta "Katza", now playing in New York City.

George T. Willingmyre, Wool Standardization, is spending this week in New York, Boston and Philadelphia conferring with members of the wool trade, following the preliminary meeting of the Pan American Conference in New York.

Mrs. Robert Maginniss, Machine Tabulation Section, entertained members of the office at a Christmas party. Dancing was indulged in and refreshments served.

Martin Reinholt, Farm Management and Costs, who has been located at Fort Collins, Colorado is expected in Washington about January 15 to assist in preparing for publication results of a study of methods and costs of range cattle production which was made in cooperation with the State.

Chris L. Christensen and Dr. J.F. Booth, Cooperative Marketing, left today for Topeka, Kansas, where Mr. Christensen will address the annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture on January 13. They will proceed through the Southwestern States to confer with officials of wheat marketing pools regarding research in the cooperative marketing of grain. At Dallas, Mr. Christensen is to address the Texas Farm Bureau Federation at the Seventh Annual State Convention. On their return to Washington a stop will be made at Memphis, Tennessee, to meet with the American Cotton Growers Exchange. They expect to be away about ten days.

Mrs. Elsie D. Stephenson has recently been appointed in the Machine Tabulation Section.

A.B. Genung, Economic Information, was called to New York State by the death of his step-mother, which occurred a few days after Christmas.

Frank G. George, Jr., Economic Information, went to New York City last week to attend the funeral of his step-mother who died suddenly.

Hutzel Metzger, Cooperative Marketing, is in New England to collect data relative to the organization problems of cooperative marketing of fluid milk.

The Division of Cooperative Marketing greeted C.G. Randell with a shower upon his return yesterday from the West, where he was married to Miss Caroline Edna Schmidt of Kansas City. Various and sundry articles of household equipment were presented to the groom, but the real expression of good wishes came when Mr. Christensen spoke a word of congratulation, and L.S. Hulbert presented Mr. Randell with a pair of silver candlesticks, a gift from the Division.

Miss Cynthia Crippen of the Cairo, Illinois Grain office who has been confined to her home on account of illness for the past year, is now so very much improved that her physician has promised for her return to the office within the next few months. We congratulate Miss Crippen on her satisfactory recovery.

A. T. Edinger, of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division who has been in the field practically ever since last October, returned to Washington Monday. He with L.B. Burk and D.J. Slater of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division and Prof. King of Purdue University constituted a committee which has been grading feeder cattle before being placed on feed in connection with the cooperative project to study quality and palatability of meat. Approximately 1200 cattle at 22 agricultural colleges and experiment stations will be included for the year 1926-27.

R.S. Washburn, Farm Management and Costs, has gone to New Jersey to assist in a farm management survey in the apple growing districts of the State.

Robert Bier, Fruits and Vegetables, is at a local hospital this week, where he has undergone an operation for the removal of his tonsils. Our best wishes are with him for a speedy recovery.

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. W.C. Wolff, wife of the telegrapher at Minneapolis, which occurred January 3, at Minneiska, Minn., following a stroke.

Frank F. George, Jr., Economic Information, is receiving congratulations upon the arrival of another daughter.

J. W. Jones, Cooperative Marketing, is representing the Division in a number of assignments while absent from headquarters for the next few weeks. Market analysis of prunes in Boston, milk marketing study in Columbus and Cleveland, an address before the Illinois Agricultural Association at Peoria, and general cooperative marketing at Lexington, Kentucky will be his chief activities.

George Gaus and J. Kenney Miller, Cotton Marketing Division, left Sunday for New York City where they will assist the Board of Cotton Examiners for two weeks in work incident to the handling of cotton tendered for delivery on future contracts on the cotton exchange.

H.F. Buchanan, Cooperative Marketing, is collecting further data from cooperative sales agencies, the trade and research agencies relative to a study involving the market analysis of prunes. He is in Philadelphia and other Atlantic coast cities. This research has taken B.B. Derrick to Pittsburgh, for several days, also.

THE B. A. E. NEWS.

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U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Library,

Attn. Miss Trolinger,

January 18, 1927.

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1. OUTLOOK WORK OCCUPYING CENTER OF STAGE.

Meetings of the general Outlook Committee will begin in the Conference Room Saturday, January 22, at 10 o'clock and will occupy most of the time until the evening of Thursday, January 27.

The final report is to be issued on January 28. The meeting on Saturday morning will be a preliminary one to consider the reports of sub-committees, on domestic demand, foreign demand and farm credit. The afternoon session will be taken up with farm factors, including labor and equipment, horses and mules, tobacco, sugar, rice and beans.

The general meetings will start Monday when the representatives of about 25 State Colleges will be present. Each day, until Thursday noon will be taken up with the program, with Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning reserved for the final reading of the reports considered at the preliminary meetings on Saturday.

Monday's program starts off with cotton, potatoes and sweet potatoes, and in the afternoon, fruits, vegetables, wheat and rye, flax, and clover and alfalfa seed.

On Tuesday morning will be discussions of dairy, poultry, and beef cattle; the afternoon includes the final reading of domestic demand, foreign demand, farm credit, farm labor and equipment, horses and mules, and a conference of State representatives from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Wednesday morning, tobacco, sugar, rice, beans, sheep and wool, goats and mohair, and hogs will be considered. In the afternoon, corn, barley, oats, hay and feedstuffs, and the general feed and livestock situation are scheduled. The remainder of that afternoon will be taken up with final readings of the different statements and preparation of summaries, press releases and such details.

2. STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND OUTLOOK MEETINGS.

In December, Dr. C.B. Smith, Chief of the Office of Cooperative Extension, wrote the extension directors in the various States, and Mr. Tenny wrote to Experiment Station Directors, in regard to the outlook report meetings to be held in this Bureau during the week of January 24. They suggested that in as many instances as possible the farm management demonstrator or some other extension specialist be sent to Washington.

Replies have been received from a number of States expressing interest and indicating that they would furnish representatives. To date, farm management demonstrators from Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, North Dakota, Washington, New Jersey, and Ohio, except to be present. Maryland, Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia are sending representatives. Prof. John T. Horner, or some other member of the Michigan State College of Agriculture economics staff, is expected, also D.C. Card of Kentucky and H.C. Hensley of Missouri.

Dr. G.W. Forster, Head of the Farm Management Department at North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, will attend; Extension Director G.E. Adams of Rhode Island State College plans to come, and C.E. Brehm, Assistant Director of Extension, will represent the Tennessee College of Agriculture. F.P. Weaver of Pennsylvania, J.A. Dadisman of West Virginia, and H.C. Woodworth of New Hampshire, are also expected to attend. H.R. Tolley is Executive Secretary of the Outlook Meeting.

H.I. Richards, Secretary of the New England Research Council is expected from Boston for the meetings.

3. EXTENSION CONFERENCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUTLOOK MEETINGS.

During the time of the Outlook Meetings, a conference of extension men has been arranged, with a program divided into three parts: To prepare the outlook statements; talks by members of the Bureau; and extension economic information.

The first day will be taken up with outlook reports until 5:30 P.M., and a Get-together Dinner has been planned at the Hotel Harrington at 6 o'clock, Monday.

Tuesday, at the close of the outlook session, J.B. Hutson, will talk on Selling the Farm Accounts Project. From 7:30 to 10 P.M. a meeting will be held at the Harrington Hotel when the General Price Situation will be discussed by Dr. O.C. Stine and C.F. Sarle. Dr. V.B. Hart of Cornell University will give a Farm Price Talk, as given to farmers in New York State.

Wednesday will be devoted to the outlook work.

Thursday, at 1:30, W.F. Callender will tell of the Pig Survey and similar work in the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. The hog situation in Ohio and the dairy situation in Connecticut, will follow. The evening session will be held at Hotel Harrington.

Friday morning the subject for discussion will be How Shall We Use The Agricultural Outlook?

Saturday morning will be taken up with sectional meetings and the peculiar problems of the Eastern, Middle and Western, and Southern Groups, discussed.

4. CLEARING HOUSE ON MARKET LEGISLATION INAUGURATED.

A project which will serve in the nature of a clearing house on marketing legislation has been established at the request of the National Association of Marketing Officials following action taken at the Chicago meeting in December.

The work is to be started immediately under the leadership of H.F. Fitts, assistant to the Chief, and is a matter which has been considered by marketing officials for several years. The need for a constant and up-to-date survey of changes in marketing legislation has been evident.

Mr. Fitts, a graduate in law, has become familiar with the legislative aspects of service and regulatory work in the Bureau. He will assemble Federal and State legislation relating to marketing in its various aspects, and will arrange to keep the data complete.

5. TRADE ORGANIZATIONS MEET IN CHICAGO.

Five organizations of the fruit and vegetable trade are scheduled to hold annual meetings in Chicago this week, as follows:

Jan. 17-20: American Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' Association
Brokers' Division of A.F. & V.S. Association

Jan. 19-21: National League of Commission Merchants
Fruit and Vegetable Brokers' Association
Western Fruit Jobbers' Association of America

W. A. Sherman of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, has gone to represent the Bureau in matters of mutual interest.

6. COOPERATIVE CROP REPORTING RESUMED WITH OKLAHOMA.

Cooperation with the State of Oklahoma on crop and livestock reporting work has been resumed under a new agreement with the present Commissioner, Harry B. Cordell who took office January 10.

This work was formerly conducted with the Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture but the agreement was terminated October 15, 1923. The offices, formerly at the Braniff Building, will now be located in the State Capitol. In addition to quarters the State is furnishing an agricultural statistician and one clerk to handle the work incident to collecting and disseminating information for use by the Bureau in issuing detailed summaries of crop and livestock conditions.

The new form of agreement was effective January 10.

7. NEW COMMUNICATING SYSTEM BEING INSTALLED IN BIEBER BUILDING.

An Inter-communication telephone system with special desk keyboard is being installed from the Chief's desk to those of the various Division leaders in the Bieber Building.

This system will replace the dictograph which has been in use for several years, and offers the advantage that Division leaders may call the Chief directly whereas the dictograph was restricted to calls from the Chief's office only.

When installation has been completed in this building, a similar set is to be put in for the Cotton Division in the Standardization Building. It is expected to have the system in working order by February 1.

8. GOLD MEDAL FOR BUREAU FROM SESQUICENTENNIAL JURY OF AWARDS.

The following letter in recognition of the Bureau's work in grading and standardization has been received:

"This is to notify you that the International Jury of Awards of the Sesquicentennial International Exposition has awarded the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture a Gold Medal for grading and standardization of farm products. Diplomas of Award are being prepared and it is hoped to have them ready for distribution early in the year.

Very truly yours,

(signed) S.C. Simms, Secretary, Executive Jury of Awards."

9. PREPARATION OF MANUSCRIPT FOR MIMEOGRAPH
INVOLVING TABLES WITH RULES.

When stencils are to be cut in the Department duplicating section all Division should observe the following requirements:-

1. Make all corrections on such tables with ink and not with pencil.
2. When a sheet of manuscript is cut and pasted, make only a short lap, not more than 1/2 inch, and paste with glue or mucilage rather than library paste. In no case paste the typed material for a table over other typed matter.
3. Do not submit carbon copies as manuscript in any case.

Compliance with the above rules will expedite the preparation of mimeographed material, since in drawing lines for tables on the stencil, pencil marks smudge the mimeoscope and cause great difficulty. Manuscript pasted with stiff library paste is difficult to handle. New figures overlapping old figures allow the old figures to show through the paper on the mimeoscope and make it difficult to draw the lines accurately. Carbon paper also smudges the mimeoscope. Tables should be typed exactly as you will want them to appear in the final publication so far as length and width is concerned. When you have typed a table too wide, it should be retyped rather than to merely add a note asking the stencil cutter to rearrange the table.

10. LOST PHOTOGRAPHIC NEGATIVES.

The Chief Clerk of the Department has issued a statement requesting that search be made in all Bureaus and Offices in an effort to locate a lot of photographic negatives. These negatives, 213 in number, from 70390 to 72520, were submitted to the Photographic Laboratory of the Department Office of Information by the Office of Cooperative Extension Work, for prints to be made, but the negatives were never returned to the Office of Extension.

If they can be located, it is requested that they be returned to M.M. Thayer, Office of Cooperative Extension, 220 14th Street, Southwest.

11. GRAIN GRADING SCHOOL
FOR ARMY OFFICERS.

At the request of the War Department a Grain Grading School was conducted in Washington from December 26 to January 4, for army officers who will make purchases of grain for military service.

The classes were conducted by E.G. Boerner, assisted by J.H. Cox and E.J. Murphy. Mr. Boerner took the class to Baltimore for one day where the proper method of car and ship sampling, also commercial grain inspection were demonstrated. The army each year purchases large quantities of oats and corn for feed for army mules and horses. Army contracts for the purchase of these grains are based on our official grain standards.

The officers who took the course in the school will be stationed at army posts from Cuba to Honolulu, and from New York to California. The training received should be helpful to them as receiving officers of grain shipments.

12. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending January 14 are:

Begtrup, Holger. The folk high schools of Denmark and the development of a farming community ... London, Oxford university press, H. Milford [etc., etc., 1926]

Colorado wheat growers' association. Annual report of the general manager ... for the 1925 pool year ... [n.p., 1926]

International institute of agriculture. ... Actes de la huitième Assemblée générale, 19-26 avril, 1926. Rome, Impr. de l'Institut international d'agriculture, 1926.

Keynes, J.M. The end of laissez-faire ... 2d impression. London, Pub. by L. & V. Woolf at the Hogarth press, 1926.

National institute for research in dairying. The National institute for research in dairying; its work & needs ... Reading, Eng., Philip Palmer press, ltd. [1926]

Textile world journal. Official American textile directory ... 1926. New York [etc., etc.] Bragdon, Lord & Nagle co., 1926.

U.S. Congress. Senate. Committee on appropriations. Interior department appropriation bill, 1928. Hearings ... 69th Congress, 2d sess. on H.R. 14827 ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U.S. Congress. Senate. Committee on appropriations. Treasury and Post office departments appropriation bill, 1928. Hearings ... 69th Congress, 2d sess. on H.R. 14557 ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U.S. Federal board for vocational education. Agricultural series no. 29. Supervised practice in agriculture including home projects. Aims and values of such practice and responsibilities of pupils, teachers, state administrators and local boards of education. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (Its Bulletin no. 112)

U.S. Federal trade commission. Preliminary report ... under Senate resolution no. 163, 68th Congress, 1st sess. Competitive conditions in flour milling, May 3, 1926. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U.S. Tariff commission. Annual report, 10th, 1926. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

Winnipeg grain exchange. ... Annual report, 17th, 1925. [Winnipeg, 1925]

13. AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED

The Agricultural Appropriation Bill (H. R. 15008) has been sent to the President of the United States for signature. The following table shows the appropriations for this Bureau as finally agreed upon for 1928, as compared to the appropriations for the current year.

	Appropriation 1927	Appropriation 1928	Increase or decrease over 1927
Bureau Administration.....	\$281,863	\$271,750	\$-10,113
Farm Management & Practice, (Including Cost of Production).	362,956	362,956	-
Mkt'g. & Distr. Farm Products ...	617,768	596,780	-20,988 *
Crop & Livestock Estimates.....	648,095	698,095	+50,000
Foreign Competition & Demand....	89,660	89,660	-
Mkt. Inspection of Per. Foods...	377,210	388,455	+11,245
Market News Service.....	1,054,355	1,054,355	-
Cooperative Marketing.....	163,440	220,440	+57,000 *
Cotton Futures & Cotton Standards Acts.....	202,800	202,800	-
Grain Standards Act.....	699,080	710,140	+11,060
U. S. Warehouse Act.....	216,880	241,820	+24,940
Standard Container Act.....	5,000	5,000	-
Wool Section.....	6,290	3,000	- 3,290
Center Market.....	171,000	171,000	-
Total.....	4,896,397	5,016,251	+119,854
Washington salary limitation....	1,780,000 **	1,881,600	+101,600
**Exclusive of Cooperative Marketing.			

*\$57,000 transferred from M. & D. to Cooperative Marketing. Actual increase on M. & D. \$36,012, of which \$25,000 is for research in the utilization of cotton. No actual change in Cooperative Marketing.

14. IN CONGRESS;

- S. 4909, by Senator Smith, authorizing the Director of the Census to take a census of baled cotton, known as the "carry over" on hand on August 1, 1927 *** was reported out of the Senate Agricultural Committee with amendments.
- S. 5082, by Senator Norbeck, authorizing an appropriation of \$6,000,000 for seed and feed loans was reported out of the Senate Committee.
- H.R. 15649, by Mr. Purnell, to provide for the eradication of the European corn borer passed the House.
- H.R. 15668, by Mr. Zihlman, authorizing the acquisition of a site for the farmers' produce market was reported out of the House Committee on the District of Columbia.

New Bills:

The following bills providing for farm relief and the control and disposition of the surplus of agricultural commodities were introduced:

S. 5088, by Senator Curtis; H.R. 15963, by Mr. Crisp; H.R. 16123, by Mr. Jacobstein; H.R. 16250, by Mr. McSwain; and H.R. 15655 and H.R. 15823, by Mr. Aswell.

H. J. Res. 313, by Mr. McDuffie, authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to make investigations of new uses for cotton.

H. R. 16295, by Mr. Ketcham, to provide for further development of agricultural extension work ***.

H. R. 15909, by Mr. Underhill, granting authority to the Secretary of Commerce to regulate radio communications.

H. J. Res. 321, by Mr. Hudson, creating a commission to investigate civil service retirement ****.

H. R. 16117, by Mrs. Rogers, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish grades and standards for farm products, and for other purposes.

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A card of appreciation has been received in the Bureau from Irvin D. Winslow, East Brady, Pa., in acknowledgement of flowers and other attentions shown at the death of his sister, Miss Ethelyn C. Winslow.

15. CHANGE IN TELEPHONE NUMBER.

When calling Miss Emily L. Day, Miss Louise O. Bercaw, or Mrs. A. M. Hannay of the Library staff, please ask for 2 rings on Branch 582 (Br. 582-2).

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Tenny will be absent from the office several days this week. He is scheduled to address meetings at the State University of Illinois and Minnesota.
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Mr. Olsen left last week for Rochester, Minn., where he will undergo examination and treatment for his health. He probably will be absent from the Bureau some weeks.

Mr. Kitchen will attend a conference in New York City, on Saturday, called by the New York Mercantile Exchange, to discuss various matters concerning cold storage, particularly existing laws and regulations relating to products carried in cold storage. The conference will be attended by State officials, representatives of the trade, and trade organizations.

A.M. Agelasto, Cotton Division, will leave the first of next week for the spot cotton markets of the South to investigate prices and quotations established for spot cotton by these exchanges.

B. H. Henley, Kansas City, Mo., Market News Service on Grain, Hay, Feed, Seed and Broomcorn, came to Washington the first of the week for conference, and to assist in preparing material for the outlook report.

E.W. Stillwell, Fruit and Vegetable Division, went to Nashville, Tenn. to address the Tennessee Horticultural Society, in session there Tuesday and Wednesday.

G.S. Meloy, Cotton Division, will address the national convention of the Better Bedding Alliance which meets in Chicago Wednesday. He will discuss the standardization work of the Bureau for cotton linters.

Whitney Coombs, Agricultural Finance, has gone to Michigan State College to confer regarding a cooperative tax study. Upon his return to Washington Mr. Coombs will proceed to some of the southern States to interview officials of State agricultural colleges and others in connection with the cooperative project in farm taxation now in progress.

Miss Nettie Bradshaw and Miss Elizabeth Knee, Division of Land Economics, returned to the office Monday after an absence of several days on account of illness.

J.H. Shollenberger and W.K. Marshall, Milling and Baking Investigations, will go to Lincoln, Nebr., to confer with officials of the University.

Dr. B. Youngblood, of the Cotton Division, left last week for points in the South to study the possibilities of developing market for low-grade cotton.

Former co-workers of Miss Wilda M. Daish were sincerely sorry to learn of the death last Sunday of her only sister, Miss Mary B. Daish. Miss Wilda was one of the first members of the former Bureau of Markets and she still cooperates with us, through the courtesy of the Packers and Stockyards Administration, in reporting our important public hearings. Miss Mary was a member of the staff of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

A.E. Prugh of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, came to Washington for a few days before proceeding to Brawley, Calif., to operate the field station.

E. B. Gardner, Cooperative Marketing, was in St. Louis last week collecting data on the business study of the Producers Livestock Commission Association

E.G. Parker, Cotton Division, is in New York City this week conferring with the Board of Cotton Examiners regarding cotton to be delivered on future contracts. Mr. Parker will go to cities in the South within the next few weeks to make purchases of cotton to be used in preparing copies of cotton standards.

The first Bureau wedding of the New Year was that of Joe Hitz, Photographic Laboratory to Miss Ethel G. Chriman on January 1. Our good wishes to them for happy years! The Division of Information presented an electric toaster to Mr. Hitz and his bride.

H.H. Henderson of the Norfolk, Virginia Fruit and Vegetable office, is spending two weeks at Newport News, where he is inspecting about a million pounds of produce for the S.S. Bridge, a naval supply ship.

Stanley E. Erb, Cotton Marketing Division, is in Savannah, Georgia for the next week assisting with the preparation and sampling of cotton tendered for delivery on future contract.

J.S. Campbell of the Chicago Livestock, Meats and Wool office, will address the annual convention of the National Wool Growers Association at Butte, Mont., this week. He is to attend the American National Livestock Association, at Salt Lake City, Utah, on January 25, also.

A.W. McKay, George O. Gatlin and A.V. Swarthout, Cooperative Marketing, will be at Athens, Georgia for the cooperative marketing school, January 25 to 28. This short course will be given under the auspices of the Georgia State College of Agriculture in cooperation with the various marketing associations of the State and from incoming reports a large attendance is promised.

J.B. Hutson, Farm Management and Costs, is the proud father of a young daughter, Nancy Jean, who arrived Saturday.

We regret to learn of the bereavement in homes of three members of the California Fruit and Vegetable staff. The mother of E.J. Powell and his brother F.A. Powell, and the mother of S.S. Rogers, passed away early in January.

W.H. Stanton of the New York Fruit and Vegetable office, has been elected President of the NYUSDA Club, for 1927.

Friends of C. L. Snow extend their sympathy in the loss of Mrs. Snow's mother, Mrs. Emma Vincent Rose. Mrs. Rose died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Snow at Bethesda, Md., Monday, January 17. Funeral arrangements had not been completed when the B.A.E. News went to press.

Whitney Coombs, Agricultural Finance, has been called to New York City to meet with the joint committee on agriculture of the National Industrial Conference Board and with the United States Chamber of Commerce.

E.O. Pollock, Hay, Feed and Seed Office at Kansas City, spent the week of January 9 at El Paso and Clint, Texas, and Artesia and Las Cruces, N. Mex., assisting alfalfa hay shippers' associations and the New Mexico College of Agriculture in discussions with reference to the organization of Federal hay inspection at shipping points in this territory. Mr. Pollock also visited Fort Bliss, at El Paso, to discuss the inspection of hay with the Veterinary Corps officers in charge of the inspection work for the U. S. Army.

While in Washington, Ga., recently, H. S. Yohe, Warehousing Division, had the misfortune to fall when alighting from the train, dislocating his left shoulder. This painful injury has necessitated carrying his arm in a sling.

We are glad to see Miss Lucy Watt, Fruits and Vegetables, back at her desk. Her sister has sufficiently recovered from several months' illness to permit Lucy's return, from her home in Pennsylvania.

John C. White, Statistical and Historical Research, leaves this week for the Southwest to collect data on cotton movements which will contribute to a study being made in the Division. Mr. White, who was appointed January 5 as Associate Agricultural Economist to the vacancy caused by the resignation of B.R. Gould, comes from the District of Columbia. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees at the University of Texas, also that of LL.B. In Washington, Mr. White took additional work at the Robert Brookings Graduate School of Economics and Government specializing in transportation.

Carl Nagel, Warehousing Division, leaves the last of the week for points in Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine and New York to make subsequent examinations of wool, cotton, syrup, potato and broomcorn warehouses which are licensed under the U.S. Warehouse act. Mr. Nagel will be several weeks on this assignment.

Walter J. Morgan, Federal Hay Inspection Supervisor at San Francisco, spends the week of January 16 at Phoenix, Arizona, assisting the Arizona Industrial Congress and the Arizona College Extension Service in discussing the organization of Federal hay inspection with committees of hay shippers from Phoenix, Safford and Yuma, Arizona. On January 19, he addresses farmers and shippers at a meeting called by the Arizona College Extension Service in connection with their farm week program. A demonstration of United States hay standards with Arizona bales of alfalfa and discussions will be held with reference to Federal hay inspection.

C.L. Finch, Cotton Division, will be in New York for a short time this week consulting with the chairman of the Board of Cotton Examiners regarding the cost of handling samples of cotton transferred from one market to another.

E.W. Baker, Livestock, Meats and Wool, will go Sunday to Chicago and Pittsburg to confer with Bureau members and the trade regarding the market news service.

Frank S. Hubbard, Cotton Division, is scheduled to go to several southern cities in the near future to discuss methods of using the different standard grades for American cotton linters with a view to promoting their use.

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1. SESSIONS OF 1927 OUTLOOK CONFERENCE BEING HELD.

Almost the entire technical staff of the Bureau is participating in the Agricultural Outlook meetings in session in the Conference Room mornings and afternoons, with night sessions of extension conferences at the Hotel Harrington. Mr. Tenny is Chairman and H. R. Talley, Farm Management and Costs, is Executive Secretary.

The Outlook Report will be released on Friday, January 28.

Representatives from 26 States are participating with the Bureau Staff in the conference as follows: Andrew Boss, Minnesota; H.C.M. Case, Illinois; R.M. Turner, Washington State; Lynn Robertson, Indiana; Thos. H. Summers, Ft. Collins, Colo.; Allen G. Waller, New Jersey; F.H. Branch, Massachusetts; G.W. Forster, North Carolina; V.B. Hart, New York; J.T. Horner, Michigan; Donald W. Reed, Maine; Mr. Gabhart, Texas; Mr. Metzger, Maryland; R. S. Putnam, Connecticut; J.T. Sanders, Oklahoma; A.J. Dadisman, West Virginia; Mr. McAmis, Tennessee; H.C. Woodworth, New Hampshire; C.R. Arnold, Ohio; G.E. Adams, Rhode Island; C.L. Holmes, Iowa; J.J. Vernon and C. C. Taylor, Virginia; F.P. Weaver, Pennsylvania; Harry C. Hensley, Missouri; Thomas P. Cooper, Kentucky.

A get-acquainted dinner for State and Department representatives was held at the Hotel Harrington Monday evening January 24. H.M. Dixon acted as Toastmaster and those taking part in the evening program were: Lloyd S. Tenny, Chief of Bureau; A.B. Graham, Extension Service; H.C.M. Case of Illinois; Donald W. Reed of Maine; R.S. Putnam of Connecticut; G.W. Forster of North Carolina; V.B. Hart of New York; and C.R. Arnold of Ohio.

The meetings dealing with both Outlook and Extension activities will continue through the week.

2. MID-MONTH COTTON REPORTS DISCONTINUED.

As a result of a special provision in the Appropriation act for 1927, the mid-month cotton reports in July, August, and November, will be discontinued the coming season. A departure has also been made in the crop reporting regulations, this year in that provision has been made at the time the general report is issued to withhold State details in order that the cooperating agencies may issue simultaneous reports.

3. BRANCH OFFICE DIRECTORY REVISED.

A new edition of the Branch Office Directory dated January 1, 1927, has been prepared and copies will be sent to the branch offices and to Head Clerks in Washington.

Notices of changes in the field will be carried in the B. A. E. NEWS and each copy of the directory may be kept up-to-date by noting the personnel and space changes. The last issue of the directory was dated October 1, 1925.

4. HAY INSPECTORS' SCHOOL
AT KANSAS CITY.

The Hay, Feed and Seed Division is conducting a hay inspectors' school at Kansas City which commences January 17 and which will be concluded January 29. The work is being conducted under the direction of E. O. Pollock, in charge of the Kansas City branch office, with the assistance of Thomas B. Forgey. Six inspectors are present from the State of Nebraska and two from the State of Missouri. The Nebraska inspectors are representing the Dawson County Farm Bureau and the Buffalo County Farm Bureau, both of which organizations have entered into contracts with the Bureau for Federal hay inspection. Those inspectors who successfully pass examinations will be stationed at various important alfalfa hay shipping points in the Platte River Valley of Nebraska in Dawson and Buffalo Counties.

The training of these inspectors is an outgrowth of cooperative work which commenced in Nebraska a year ago, as a result of which two Federal - State hay inspectors were trained, licensed and stationed at Cozad and Overton, Nebr., in Dawson County. Recently the shippers in this county organized a hay shippers' association entitled the Dawson County Hay Shippers Association, with headquarters at Cozad, Nebr. This Association has developed a considerable business in the direct marketing of alfalfa, inspected under U. S. grades, to the dairy feeding districts of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois. The business is growing to such an extent that an additional number of licensed inspectors was needed. The Bureau is cooperating with these county organizations, therefore, in training an additional group of inspectors.

5. NEW MOTION PICTURE
OF COOPERATIVE MARKETING.

The early development and the present extent of cooperative marketing is graphically presented in a new motion picture, "Cooperative Marketing in the United States," just released by the Department.

This film, a contribution from the Division of Cooperative Marketing, begins with scenes of cooperative activities in pioneer days, such as barn-raising and husking-bees. By means of animated charts and scenes of the operations of representative associations it brings out the gradual development of cooperative marketing and the present extent of the movement. More than twenty associations in a dozen states were visited in obtaining the necessary scenes for the picture.

In addition to showing many processes in the cooperative handling of important farm crops, the film presents in a striking manner the magnitude of the cooperative marketing activities of approximately two million American farmers.

This is the fourth of a series of educational films designed for use by cooperative associations, extension workers, and others engaged in teaching cooperative principles and practices. It covers the subject in a general way rather than showing a single commodity or the detailed operations of a particular group of organizations.

Those who can use this film to good advantages may obtain it for a limited period free, by paying transportation charges.

6. HISTORY OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

BY T.R.PIRTLE, OFF THE PRESS.

A complete history of the dairy industry representing over 15 years of research by the author, T.R.Pirtle, Dairy and Poultry Products, is now off the press. The volume, dedicated to his father and mother, contains 645 pages, 203 illustrations and graphs, and covers the entire subject in all countries of the world.

An interesting feature of the book is the International Chronological Index of Events dating from 4000 B.C. when cattle and dairying were found in Switzerland, through 1000 A.D. with the first record of ground cheese,--supposed to be a new process.

This index contains the main steps in the industry including the first cooperative cheese making, in 1330 in the Balkans similar in many ways to the present; record of foot and mouth disease in 1700 in France; Limburger made in 1800 in Belgium; condensed milk first patented in 1856 in the United States; Pasteurization of milk discovered in 1857-62, in France. The thermometer was first used in dairy work in 1870 in Denmark; the first silo was built in 1873 in the United States; the cream separator invented in 1878 in Sweden; the first cooperative creamery in 1882, in Denmark; Horlick's malted milk first made in 1883; Thatcher glass milk bottles invented for milk delivery in 1886, in this country. Butter fat testers were made by Dr. Gerber in Switzerland and by Dr. Babcock in the United States in 1888 and in 1890, respectively; the combined churn and butter worker was made in 1890 in this country; the first cow testing association was organized in 1895 in Denmark; milk powder made in 1899 in Sweden and sweet cream butter made in 1905 in the United States.

This piece of work is designed to be of interest as a text book for students and as a reference to leaders in the industry.

We congratulate Mr. Pirtle upon the excellent survey which is presented on a new field.

7. MR. STANTON RESIGNS FROMFRUIT AND VEGETABLE WORK.

It is with regret that an announcement is made of the resignation of W.H. Stanton, in charge of the Fruit and Vegetable Market News Service, at New York City. He will become the New York manager of the Porto Rico Fruit Exchange, with headquarters in New York City, effective February 1.

Mr. Stanton came to the Market News Service in 1916, and worked in Washington, in Minneapolis and in the field. In 1920 he was placed in charge of the New York office, coming to Washington three years later in charge of the Bureau Section of Accounts. He returned to the Fruit and Vegetable work however, March 1, 1925, where he has since been located. In all of his assignments, Mr. Stanton has rendered excellent service, and though his resignation is regretted, he is congratulated on his prospects in the commercial world.

Our best wishes for his success go with him.

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Charles E. Gage, Crop and Livestock Estimates, says he is shy a double-fold notebook of tobacco statistics, and asks that inquiry be made for it in THE NEWS. He further states that no embarrassing questions will be asked.

8. SHORT COURSE IN STATISTICAL METHODS.

Three weeks of special instruction in statistical methods as applied to crop reporting will be given for the benefit of new members of the field staff, Crop and Livestock Estimates, beginning February 2.

Floyd Reed of Nebraska and G. Burmeister of Texas, who are now in Washington assisting with the preparation of the January 1 survey of number and value of livestock on farms, will be joined in this course in statistical methods by W.H.Ebling of Wisconsin; H.L.Collins of Illinois; Bernard Gibbs, West Virginia; Ray Huey, New York; F.H.Whitaker, Arkansas and B.M.Anderson of Alabama, all newly appointed. Several members of the clerical force in Washington will take this work, also. The course will be conducted by C.F.Sarle.

9. EFFECTS OF EARTHQUAKE IN IMPERIAL VALLEY.

California Inspectors' Notes for January 14 quotes the following from a letter, written on January 4 by Sam Preston, at El Centro: "Only a few glass show-windows are intact in Calexico, and it seems as though every brick chimney is lying on the roof. El Centro is not much damaged, though a few buildings, including our office, show cracks."

10. WHEN YOU CAUSE DAMAGE OR INJURY WHILE DRIVING A U.S. AUTOMOBILE.

California Fruit and Vegetable Inspectors' Notes recently contained an article regarding a State employee, who was involved in a law suit over damage caused by his car while on duty and through no fault of his own. This item led to the question of whether or not a Federal employee can be sued for similar damage to property or injury to person, when driving a Government-owned automobile in the performance of his duties. The Solicitor of the Department sent the following reply to Mr. Tenny, Chief of Bureau, on January 14:

"I have your letter of the 6th instant, inquiring as to whether employees of your Bureau, engaged in operating Government-owned automobiles, may be sued in instances where such cars, while being driven by them, collide with privately-owned automobiles. You also ask to be informed, if the Government can not be sued in such cases, as to what protection a Government employee may have, whose duty involves the operation of a Government-owned automobile.

"The general rule of law is that an agent is personally liable for the torts committed by him, even while acting in the scope of his employment. Chauffeurs employed by your Bureau are merely agents of the Government while they are performing the duties of their job and, as such, the same rule of law covering torts of agents for private employers applies with like effect to them. Federal employment does not relieve your chauffeurs from liability to persons suffering damages by reason of their tortious acts.

"Answering your inquiries specifically, you are advised that, where your chauffeurs occasion injury or damage to persons or property by their negligent handling of Bureau automobiles, suits may be instituted and maintained against them for the recovery of damages by those sustaining the injury or damage. There is no way in which your drivers can escape their legal liability in such cases. They may protect themselves against loss to a limited extent by securing automobile accident insurance, which will save them harmless up to the amount of the policy.

"In the absence of statutory authority, the United States can not be sued on account of torts committed by its employees while they are engaged in the performance of their official duties. No statute containing such authority has as yet been enacted by Congress. Congress has, however, by the Act of December 28, 1922 (42 Stat. 1066), conferred authority upon the heads of departments and establishments of the Government to consider, ascertain, adjust, and determine any claim accruing after April 6, 1917, for damage to or loss of privately-owned property, where the amount of the claim does not exceed \$1,000, when the damage or loss is caused by the negligence of any officer or employee of the Government, acting within the scope of his employment, and to certify to Congress such amount as may be found to be due the claimant as a legal claim for payment out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor. But, in order that such claims may be considered, they must be presented to the Department or other Government establishment within one year from the date of accrual thereof. This law, as you will note, only authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to consider and recommend to Congress for payment claims that are based on damage to or loss of privately-owned property, where the amount does not exceed \$1,000. Where persons seek payment from the United States for injuries to the person, or damages to privately-owned property in an amount exceeding \$1,000, that are occasioned by the negligence of Federal employees, they must secure satisfaction by applying to Congress for the passage of appropriations for their relief, unless they can recover from the employee."

(signed) R. W. WILLIAMS, Solicitor.

11. IMPORTANT DECEMBER SUPPLEMENT
TO "CROPS AND MARKETS."

Probably the most important issue of "Crops and Markets" during the year is the DECEMBER SUPPLEMENT, which is off the press. This Supplement contains all the final crop reports for 1926 and comparative (revised) figures for previous years. A copy should be on file in every office for convenient reference.

12. OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCEMENT AND RECOGNITION.

One of the most outstanding policies of our employment office is the advancement to higher grade positions of employees occupying lower grade assignments when vacancies occur.

The actual carrying out of this policy is best illustrated by the fact that during the calendar year 1926 forty-three employees were thus advanced in the field service, and forty-seven in Washington. This represented assignments to more responsible duties carrying higher classification and salary scales.

In addition, twenty-two assignments were reallocated in the field in higher grades and seventeen appeals for higher classification were granted by the Personnel Classification Board to employees located in Washington. This represents advancement for approximately 8 per cent of our permanent employees during the past year.

With the nominal turnover in this organization there constantly will be opportunities for advancement for the most outstanding of those employees who are equipped to do a higher grade of work. During the past year we have been forced

to go outside of the Bureau to secure competent stenographers for appointment in Grade 3 positions, as there were no such employees in the Grade 2 ranks ready for the higher grade assignments.

At the beginning of this year, it is suggested that every employee analyze his duties, his qualifications, and equipment from an educational and experience standpoint, his working relationships with his fellow employees, and determine if he is using his ability to the maximum. If after this analysis you find that you have the qualifications for a higher grade of work, you should make every endeavor to place yourself in line for consideration for more responsible work, either in this organization or elsewhere. If your inventory determines that you are not equipped for higher grade work and you are not satisfied with your status, then you should take steps to improve your qualifications so that you will be ready for advancement when the opportunity arises.

The Employment Manager will be glad to discuss your opportunities and your qualifications with you.

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Space on the 4th floor of the U.S. Appraisers' Stores Building, at San Francisco has been assigned to the Bureau for the joint use of two projects of the Grain Division. R.M. Gehl of Rice Investigations, will move his office from the Clunie Building, and G.L. Bodnar, Grain Handling Investigations at Portland, Oregon, is being transferred to San Francisco to conduct grain handling investigations in the State of California.

The setting up of necessary laboratory apparatus is now under way.

13. VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA ADOPT
GOVERNMENT TOBACCO CLASSIFICATIONS.

Virginia and North Carolina have followed the lead of Kentucky in adopting the United States Type Classifications of American-grown tobacco for the purposes of state reports. The type classifications of American-grown tobacco published by the Warehouse Division is filling an important need in the trade by bringing out a clear distinction between the various types produced.

14. TEXAS NEWS SERVICE COMMENDED.

The annual report of the Agricultural Department of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce gives a great deal of praise to the cooperative market news service in South Texas, handled through the San Antonio office of Fruits and Vegetables under direction of J. A. Hunter.

On January 1, Mr. Hunter released a special article to the press, telling of the heavy movement of perishables from Texas during 1926 and the great value of these products. About 37,000 cars of 22 fruits and vegetables were shipped, or nearly 9,000 more than in 1925. The movement was more than double that of three years ago. Mr. Hunter estimates that the 1926 shipments had an f.o.b.-loading-station value of approximately \$26,000,000. The value of truck hauled to nearby markets and consumed locally may have been almost as great as that shipped in car-lots.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

15. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND SEED MARKETING CONFERENCE at Chicago, November 29 and 30, has been mimeographed for convenience and copies are available.
16. DIRECTORY OF TEACHERS GIVING COURSES IN RURAL SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE, has been prepared in the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, and mimeographed copies are for distribution.
17. CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF FARM REAL ESTATE IN THE UNITED STATES, 1920-25 is the title of a preliminary report by E.H. Wiécking. This is a technical publication dealing with the marked changes in American farm real estate within the last 15 years. Charts, tables and maps assist in pointing out the principal changes, particularly from 1920 to 1925, as shown in the Census reports.
18. PRICE FIXING BY GOVERNMENTS 424 B.C. -1926, A. D., is a selected Bibliography, including some references on the principles of price fixing, and on price fixing by private organizations. This compilation by Miss Mary G. Lacy, Mrs. Annie M. Hannay and Miss Emily L. Day, is Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 18.
19. INDEX TO SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS 51 to 100 of this Bureau is now available in printed form. This index was practically completed by Mrs. Anne Rhodes Disney, Division of Economic Information, before her resignation, but was held until Service Announcement No. 100 had been distributed. Copies are available in the Division of Economic Information.
20. SPINNING TESTS OF LEADING VARIETIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA COTTONS (Crop of 1925), by H.H. Willis, is another preliminary report in a series of tests conducted in various States. Discussions include classification, mechanical and moisture conditions, percentages of waste, strength of yarns, factors including character of cotton, and relation of yarn strength to fiber length and strength.
21. LOSSES CAUSED BY UNCLEAN SEED WHEAT, amounting to millions annually, and methods for reducing these losses, are sketched in a little four-page leaflet, Mis. Cir. 95, which came from the press just in time to catch the Better Seed Special Train which left Minneapolis on January 23 for a demonstration and educational trip through Minnesota and North Dakota. The advance allotment of these circulars left Washington by airplane. Copies from the later delivery will reach the train en route.
22. TWO NEW BULLETINS ON COTTON are now being distributed. Dept. Bul. 1444 deals with cotton prices and markets and includes consideration of such phases as demand for cotton, supply, types of cotton markets, price making in the futures markets and conversion of price of spots into price of futures. Dept. Bul. 1445 deals with services involved in cotton marketing. Both bulletins are illustrated with charts and both were written by Dr. A. B. Cox before his resignation from the Bureau. Footnote credit is given to Miss Florena Cleaves for much assistance in the preparation of these publications.

23. MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS OF COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS as exemplified in certain cotton and tobacco organizations in the South form the theme of Dept. Cir. 407 which came from the press in time for use at the Short Course in Cooperative Marketing at Athens, Ga. J. W. Jones, now of this Bureau, and O. B. Jesness, once of the Bureau of Markets and now of the Kentucky Agr. Exp. Station, are the authors. Members of these associations were interviewed as to opinions regarding the association, reasons for joining, benefits obtained, and their criticisms of the organization. So far as the membership problem is concerned, the important point is not so much what the facts are as what the members think they are. In this circular the members tell what they think.

24. THAT THE SUBJECT OF IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE IS OF INTEREST to all peoples is shown by the fact that the Pan American Union has a Spanish translation in one of its recent bulletins of Mr. Teele's article entitled, "The Financing of Non-Governmental Irrigation Enterprises," which was originally published in the October issue of The Journal of Land and Public Utility Economics. Mr. Teele has received a copy of a chapter of his book, Irrigation in the United States, published in 1915, which has been translated into Japanese.

25. MR. MERCKER LEAVES BUREAU ALSO.

The Fruit and Vegetable Division loses a member of its inspection staff when A. E. Mercker becomes Chief of the New Jersey State Bureau of Markets, at Trenton, on February 1.

Like Mr. Stanton, Mr. Mercker is one of the older members in length of service in the Division, and his separation from the Bureau is sincerely regretted. He was appointed in January, 1918, and has held important assignments on shipping-point inspection work, in terminal market work in New York City, two years as Federal Supervising Inspector in North Carolina, and last October was made Federal representative in the shipping-point inspection service of western New York with headquarters at Rochester.

Our good wishes go with Mr. Mercker in his new position.

26. COMMENDATION FOR SERVICES
OF GRAIN WORKER.

Robert H. Black, Minneapolis Grain Office, who has been cooperating with the Grain Improvement Committee of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce for the past two years, received the following letter of appreciation from the chairman of the committee, which reads in part:

"At this time I want to thank you for your patient and splendid work in behalf of those things which directly affect the grain business of the Northwest. In nearly every instance the vital features of what we have tried to do here for better grain conditions seem inevitably to head up to you and you have always responded so generously and so helpfully."

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The Kansas City Grain office reported a train of 34 cars containing two million pounds of Hard Winter wheat flour, the largest shipment ever sent out of that city, moved early in January. The flour was consigned to Philadelphia and Hampton Roads in the name of the U.S. Navy, and valued at \$80,000.

27. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending January 21 are:

American institute of cooperation, St. Paul, 1926. American cooperation; a collection of papers and discussions comprising the Second summer session of the American institute of cooperation at the University of Minnesota, University Farm, St. Paul, June 21-July 17, 1926... Washington, D. C., The American institute of cooperation [1926]

Frankel, Herbert. Co-operation and competition in the marketing of maize in South Africa... London, P. S. King & son, ltd., 1926.

Hawthorn, H. B. The sociology of rural life... New York & London, The Century co. [1926] (The Century social science series)

Jackman, W. T. Economics of transportation... Chicago & New York, A. W. Shaw company; [etc., etc.] 1926.

National association of credit men. Proceedings of the 31st annual convention... held at New York, N. Y. May 24-28, 1926. New York, National association of credit men [1926]

U. S. Bureau of labor statistics. Retail prices 1890 to 1925... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (Its Bulletin no. 418)

U. S. Bureau of the census. Cotton production and distribution, season of 1925/26... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (Its Bulletin 160)

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on agriculture. Agricultural export corporation bill. Hearings... 69th Congress, 2d session on H. R. 15655, January 7, 1927. Serial U. Pt.1... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

U. S. Dept. of commerce. Bureau of fisheries. Fishery industries of the United States, 1925. By Oscar E. Sette ... Appendix V to the report of the U. S. Commissioner of fisheries for 1926... (Its Document no. 1010)

Wisconsin. Dairy and food commissioner. Biennial report ... for the period ending June 30, 1926 ... Madison [1926]

28. IN CONGRESS:

The Agricultural Appropriation bill (H.R.15008) was signed by the President of the United States January 18, 1927.

S. 4387, by Senator Capper, to amend the Packers & Stockyards act was reported out of the Senate Committee with amendments.

S. 4974, by Senator Ransdell, to amend and reenact an act entitled "United States cotton futures act," approved August 11, 1916 as amended was reported out of the Senate Committee without amendment.

S.J.Res. 65, by Senator Capper, providing for a national agricultural day was reported by the Senate Committee with amendments.

H.R.15474, by Mr. Haugen, establishing a Federal farm board to aid in the orderly marketing and in the control and disposition of surplus of agricultural commodities was reported out of the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.15539, by Mr. Jones, relating to certain cotton reports of the Secretary of Agriculture passed the House and was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H.R.15973, by Mr. Johnson, authorizing an appropriation of \$6,000,000 for seed and feed loans was reported out of the House Committee with amendment.

H.R.13477, by Mr. Lehlbach, amending the retirement act has been reported out of the House Committee.

New Bills:

H.R.16350, by Mr. Gilbert, providing for the collection and publication of statistics of tobacco by the Department of Agriculture.

H.R.16470, by Mr. O'Connor, to amend and reenact an act entitled "United States Cotton Futures act," approved August 11, 1916, as amended.

H.R.16509, by Mr. Haugen, amending the Packers & Stockyards act, 1921.

S.J.Res. 147, by Senator Dale, creating a commission to investigate the subject of Civil-Service retirement***.

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The Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, has made additional space changes recently and now this division occupies the entire eastern and southern half of the fourth floor, with the exception of the Emergency Room, which has been moved, also from 423, across the corridor to 425.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

R. C. Potts, Dairy and Poultry Division, leaves tonight for the West where he will attend the annual meeting of the Pacific States Butter, Egg, Cheese and Poultry Association at Salt Lake City, January 31. Frank H. McCampbell of the San Francisco office of Dairy and Poultry Products, will join Mr. Potts for the conference and they will participate in the committee meetings of the convention. While on the West Coast, Mr. Potts will confer with members of the poultry and dairy trade, State officials and others regarding the possibility of establishing inspection service on dairy and poultry products at cities within States visited.

H.H. Willis, of Cotton Testing at Clemson College, S. C., will attend the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers at Atlanta, February 2-4. He will read a paper on cotton spinning tests as related to production.

Floyd Reed from Nebraska; M.M. Justin, from Indiana; G.A. Scott from Utah; and G. Burmeister of Texas have come to Washington to prepare the January 1 report on numbers of livestock on farms, which will be issued by the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, on February 1.

A conference held in New York City last week with members of the live poultry trade relative to problems of reporting prices of live poultry, was attended by Mr. Kitchen, L. M. Davis, Dr. F.A. Beuchel, and Rob R. Slocum, of Dairy and Poultry Products. The conference was satisfactory in that the Bureau was assured the cooperation of the trade in developing its price reporting service.

F.G. Robb, Fruit and Vegetable Division, left Sunday for points in the Middle West and South. While absent, he will confer with members of the inspectors training class in Chicago, with State officials in shipping districts, and with inspectors in both terminal markets and shipping regions.

Thomas P. Cooper, Director of the Experiment Station at the University of Kentucky, is attending the Outlook Meetings. His former co-workers are glad to greet Mr. Cooper who was Chief of the Bureau for more than a year.

H.J. Clay, Fruit and Vegetable Market News Service, will give a talk before the class in beekeeping, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, on Friday.

Miss Rose A. Doty has been transferred from Crop and Livestock Estimates to the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, effective January 24.

H.H. Henderson of the Norfolk, Va. office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, Inspection Service, suffered a broken leg recently when he was caught under several crates of potatoes falling from the top of a car load, just as he opened the door of the car to make an inspection of the lot. Mr. Henderson was taken at once to a local hospital and will be removed to the Marine Hospital at Tanners Creek, Norfolk, where he will be for six weeks. He had gone to Newport News to inspect large quantities of produce for a naval supply ship. We regret to hear of his condition and hope for a prompt recovery.

H.S.Yohe and Paul M. Williams, Warehousing Division, and W.A.Wheeler, Hay, Feed and Seeds, are attending the National Canners Association in Atlantic City this week.

It was with regret that we learned that Mrs. Emma Glover, Galveston Grain office, lost her father. He passed away in Cincinnati recently.

Charles E. Null has been appointed Junior Crop and Livestock Estimator for Tennessee, effective January 29. Mr. Null has been connected with the Division of Farm Management and Costs for the past two years, and has done special work in the Division of Agricultural Finance this winter.

Charles E. Gage, Crop and Livestock Estimates, was in New York City last week interviewing cigar manufacturers regarding types, grades and classes of tobacco.

R.C.Potts, Dairy and Poultry Products, was in Boston Friday in conference with members of the produce exchange regarding inspection service on eggs. On Saturday he joined Mr. Kitchen in New York City and together they attended the conference called by the Mercantile Exchange on existing laws and regulations on products carried in cold storage.

C.G. Randell, Cooperative Marketing, is scheduled to address the annual meeting of the National Livestock Association in Chicago, on Wednesday.

Porter I. Barnes, Cotton Marketing Division, who has been assisting in the New York branch for the past month has been permanently transferred to that office, where he will continue his cotton classing work.

B.B.Derrick, Cooperative Marketing, has gone to Atlanta, and Memphis to collect information to be of use in the market analysis study of prunes.

Miss Virginia Gilliam has been given an appointment in the clerical-typist pool, by transfer from the Treasury Department, effective January 12.

J.H.Lister, Cooperative Marketing, has gone to Milwaukee, Wis., to collect additional data concerning the study on prunes.

F.B.Wilkinson, Tobacco Warehousing, will go to Lynchburg, Va., about February 1 to work with a committee to inspect and grade tobacco with a view to demonstration the different types, and the qualities of these types. He will continue to Raleigh, N. C., to assist with a short course in inspection and grading tobacco in the State Agricultural College.

Very sincere sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Moering, Seattle Grain office, in the sudden and accidental death of their son, aged 23, in Los Angeles the first of the year.

Miss Verna M. Schult, of the Los Angeles Fruit and Vegetable office, had a delightful trip to Honolulu recently.

Dr. W. J. Spillman, Farm Management and Costs, will speak during Farmers' Week at Ohio State University, February 2, his subject dealing with changes in types of farming in connection with the corn borer pest.

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1. MR. KITCHEN BECOMES 4 J Washington, D. C.
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF BUREAU.

The appointment of Clarence W. Kitchen as Assistant Chief has been announced by Mr. Tenny with the approval of the Secretary. Mr. Kitchen will have direct charge of service and regulatory work in the bureau which involves the development of studies relating to the marketing of agricultural products, market news, and supervision of the administration of the Cotton Futures Act, Grain Standards Act, Warehouse Act, and other legislation.

Mr. Kitchen's appointment is a recognition of nearly fifteen years of service with the Department, during which time he has been steadily promoted through all branches of market news and other service work. He was appointed Superintendent of Center Market at Washington in 1922, and later administrative officer in the Bureau. From 1915 to 1922 he was connected with the market news service on fruits and vegetables, filling practically every assignment in this service.

In addition to being in charge of service and regulatory work, Mr. Kitchen's present duties include the handling with division leaders matters relating to appropriations, allotments and expenditures, involving annual appropriations amounting to approximately nearly \$4,900,000 for 1927. He is in charge also of the cold storage reports section of the bureau, which issues periodical information on cold storage holdings throughout the country. Because of the effect on market conditions, the handling of the reports requires the most careful supervision and proper protection of the information until it is publicly released.

Mr. Kitchen is a member of the Bureau Board of Efficiency Review, serves as Chairman of the Committee on Simplified Office Procedure of the Department, and is also a member of the Department Committee on the Housing Program.

Mr. Kitchen is now occupying the room adjoining the Chief's office, formerly occupied by Mr. Olsen, who has moved into Mr. Tenny's former office.

Mrs. Virginia M. Ambler, formerly Secretary to Mr. Tenny, will serve as Secretary to Mr. Kitchen.

2. CONFERENCE WITH COOPERATIVE WOOL ASSOCIATIONS PLANNED.

The Division of Cooperative Marketing, with the approval of Secretary Jardine, is arranging for a conference with representatives of cooperative wool marketing organizations for the purpose of developing a research and service program on the cooperative marketing of wool. The conference will be held in the Conference Room, Bieber Building, Friday, February 11, at 10 o'clock.

Invitations to the conference have been sent to 33 of the leading cooperative wool marketing organizations requesting that they select a representative to attend the conference. These associations represent approximately 50 thousand wool producers, and market annually more than 20 million pounds of wool. The replies to date indicate wide interest.

3. MR. HUGHES APPOINTED
BUREAU BUSINESS MANAGER.

The appointment of F. J. Hughes as Business Manager of the Bureau, to succeed Mr. Kitchen, has been announced also. Mr. Hughes who is being promoted from Employment Manager, will, in his new position, be responsible for the supervision and direction of the work of the operating sections of the Bureau, including Mails and Files, Accounts, Purchases and Supplies, Property Custodian, Machine Tabulation and Computing, Stenographic, Telegraph and Personnel Section and the operating features of four joint offices.

With Division leaders, he will handle matters of policy and operating, procedure, also personnel and office procedure. The position of Employment Manager will be abolished and Mr. Hughes will continue to handle all personnel matters.

Mr. Hughes came to the Bureau in 1914, and since 1917 has been handling the personnel work, with the exception of two years when he was administrative assistant to the Chief on general matters.

His active work in agriculture began when at the University of Nebraska he assisted in Farmers' Institute sessions. He attended the University of Utah and graduated from All Hallows College, Salt Lake City.

Miss Mary Cannon will be Secretary to Mr. Hughes.

4. GRADUATE SCHOOL COURSES FOR SECOND SEMESTER.

A supply of the announcement of the proposed Graduate School Courses for the second semester is being furnished to the various divisions. The Director of Scientific work requests that it be given the widest possible distribution among employees. Prospective students should communicate promptly with the Office of Dr. A. F. Woods, Director of Scientific Work.

5. MISS PATTERSON RESIGNS FROM FARM POPULATION.

Miss Virginia K. Patterson who had been with the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life since April 25, 1922, resigned effective January 31 to accept a position in the office of the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Miss Patterson's many friends in the Bureau wish her every success in her new work.

In leaving, Miss Patterson speaks in deep appreciation of the expressions of friendliness and sympathy from her co-workers during her illness.

6. DAIRYING IN THE IRRIGATED
SECTION OF NEW MEXICO.

The place of dairying in the agriculture of an irrigation project in New Mexico, is the basis of a cooperative agreement between this Bureau and the State College of New Mexico, which became effective January 1.

From this study it is designed to set up farm plans which will serve as concrete illustrations of farm organizations, methods and practices most likely to bring good results under the prevailing conditions of the project.

Byron Hunter, Farm Management and Costs, has gone to New Mexico to begin the collection of data, which will be analyzed and interpreted. This forms part of an economic study of the agriculture in the Elephant Butte Irrigation Project.

7. MR. WALLEIGH APPOINTED
SUPERINTENDENT OF CENTER MARKET.

The appointment of Charles H. Walleigh as Superintendent of Center Market has been announced by Secretary Jardine. Mr. Walleigh's appointment is a promotion from Assistant Superintendent of Center Market, to which position he had been promoted in 1923 from that of an accountant in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Mr. Walleigh's new duties require the supervision of the business operation of the market, the determination of new policies and procedure and the approval of leases, contracts or permits for space for refrigeration or other service. The assignment involves the determination of questions arising incident to the operation of the cold storage plant, including consideration of claims of patrons whose goods are held in storage on negotiable or non-negotiable receipts.

Mr. Walleigh entered Government service as a Clerk in the Navy Department in 1906. He was transferred to the Department of Agriculture in 1911 where he served continuously until 1917, transferring to take a position in the Treasury Department as auditor. He was reinstated in this Department in the same year, serving until 1918, when he resigned to become office manager of the Underwood Typewriter Company. He returned to the Department in 1923 to take up duties at Center Market.

8. DEMAND FOR WOOL GRADES LIVELY.

Since delivery of standard wool grades began in November, the Wool Standardization Section of Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, reports \$1,500 received for standards sold and delivered. These wool standards sell for \$5.00 and \$10.00 a set.

9. BILL TO UTILIZE
UNDISTRIBUTABLE WOOL PROFITS.

A bill providing for furthering the interests of wool growers by developing standardization, grading, and marketing processes, through the use of undistributable excess wool profits, now being held in the Treasury, has been reported out of the House Agricultural Committee following favorable action by that body.

The funds under consideration represent collections from certain wool dealers who operated during the 1918 season when the wool clip was taken over for military purposes. To prevent profiteering, all dealers were required to operate within a given margin of profit.

Amounts realized by these dealers in excess of the allowable 1918 profit, have been subject to collection by the Domestic Wool Section of the Bureau, by Presidential order. In accordance with the direction of Congress, such excess profits have been refunded to the growers of the wool on which such profits arose. Due to inaccurate or incomplete records, it has not proved practicable to ascertain the names of all the growers who should participate in these refunds. Consequently certain amounts of undistributable profits are now held in the Treasury.

This bill seeks to utilize such funds in a practical way, and the plan has been endorsed by most of the large wool growers' associations, farm organizations, and wool textile manufacturers in the United States.

10. DR. SPILLMAN TO STUDY
INDIAN AGRICULTURE.

Dr. W. J. Spillman, of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, is taking a year's leave of absence for the purpose of studying the agricultural problems of the Indians of this country under the Institute of Government Research. This work is part of a general plan for a fundamental study of the entire Indian problem which is being undertaken at the request of the Secretary of the Interior and the Chief of the Bureau of Indian affairs. A household economist will take up the problems of home economics; an educationalist, the problems of education; a lawyer, the legal phases of the problem; a doctor, the phases relating to medicine, sanitation, and hygiene; an economist, the arts and crafts and industries other than agriculture. Those responsible for the investigation hope that it will result in a knowledge of Indian affairs that will be highly useful to the officials charged with the administration of these affairs. Dr. Spillman leaves for the Lapwai agency in Idaho on February 1.

11. AIDS BETTER SEED
SPECIAL TRAIN.

The Bureau is cooperating with the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota; extension leaders; railroads; and the Northwest Grain Smut Prevention Committee in running a Better Seed Special Train through the spring wheat area of Minnesota and North Dakota, starting January 24, continuing through February 8. The purpose of the train is to show methods of seed selection, cleaning and treating, new machines and ideas that will improve the quality and increase the yield.

R. H. Black, Grain Cleaning Investigations of the Minneapolis Grain office, has taken an active part in organizing the train and arranging the program. He is on the program to give an address on grain cleaning, while F. C. Meier, of the Extension Service will assist by discussing seed treatment for smut.

Miscellaneous Circular, 95, "Losses Caused by Unclean Seed Wheat", a little four-page booklet by the Grain Division, came from the press in time to be sent by air mail for distribution from Better Seed Train.

The alarming proportion that dockage has reached, is indicated in the 1926 State average of over 16 per cent for North Dakota and Minnesota flax, and over 9 per cent and 6 per cent, respectively, for wheat from these States. County averages of dockage ran as high as 25 per cent on account of weed seed and other foreign matter. Uncleaned seed is responsible for millions of dollars of loss to spring wheat farmers each year because of reduced yields and for dockage when the grain is marketed.

Two 75-foot baggage cars are filled with exhibits, one devoted entirely to seed treating and cleaning machinery, and the other containing educational exhibits, showing losses caused by dockage and smut, flax wilt and its control, pure and impure seed, varieties of seed to be used in certain States, weed control, and seed germination.

12. MISS PARKER BECOMES ASSISTANT
TO BUREAU EDITOR.

Miss Mayme C. Parker, who has been editor of the B. A. E. NEWS for the past year, has been assigned as Editorial Assistant with Miss Caroline B. Sherman, Editor of the Bureau.

Miss Parker was a member of the Fruit and Vegetable Division for several years, and worked on the Consumer Demand Studies in the Division of Information before taking up the Bureau News work formerly handled by Miss Catherine M. Viehmann.

13. MISS ELLERBROCK NEW EDITOR
OF B.A.E. NEWS.

Another announcement of change in assignment is that of Miss Charlotte M. Ellerbrock, as Editor of the Bureau News, to succeed Miss Mayme Parker.

Miss Ellerbrock, as Secretary to Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Hughes, and formerly Secretary to Leon M. Estabrook when he was Associate Chief of the Bureau, is known to many members of the Bureau. Her training and experience make her well qualified to maintain the news contacts with the divisions, and her wide understanding of the Bureau's activities will be of particular advantage in the B.A. NEWS work.

Miss Ellerbrock will enter upon her new duties at once and will be responsible for next week's issue. She will be located with Miss Viehmann in Room 703, telephone Branch 384.

S. W. Mendum will be located in Room 707 with Frank F. George, Jr., telephone Branch 559.

14. ASSOCIATE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST
(TRANSPORTATION) EXAMINATION.

An open competitive examination for the position of Associate Agricultural Economist (Transportation) is announced by the Civil Service Commission. This position will be filled in Washington, and carries a salary of \$3,000 per annum. Applications should be on file with the Commission on or before March 1. Applicants must have been graduated from a college or university of recognized standing, and in addition must have had at least 3 years' responsible experience in one or more of the following lines, at least 2 years of which must have been directly connected with transportation: 1. Research or educational work in economics, statistics, agriculture, marketing, accounting, or business administration. 2. Public service dealing principally with economic problems in any one or more Federal or State departments or agencies. 3. In any other positions which would involve duties affording experience clearly comparable with that described under 1 and 2. Graduate work in statistics, accounting, and related subjects may be substituted year for year up to two years for the required experience. An applicant must file with his application a publication or thesis, of which he is the author, of not less than 1,000 words, on a subject dealing with some economic agricultural problem in the field of transportation.

15. OUTLOOK CONFERENCES

COMPLETE WORK.

The Outlook Conference for 1927 held sessions throughout last week, releasing its report on Friday, January 28. There were two series of conferences, one having to do with the preparation of the Annual Outlook Report, the other relating to the dissemination of market outlook and related information. The first series of conferences was presided over by Mr. Tenny with H. R. Tolley as Executive Secretary. The second series of conferences was presided over by H. M. Dixon with J. B. Hutson as Secretary. The mimeographed Outlook Report was released on Friday and printed copies will be available in about ten days. A complete abstract of the talks and discussions of the Extension Conferences is being prepared and when completed it may be obtained from Mr. Dixon's office.

Those in attendance from the States included 12 Farm Management Demonstrators, 6 Heads of Departments of Agricultural Economics, including Research and Extension, 4 Heads of Research Departments in Agricultural Economics, 2 Research Economists, 1 Director of Research and Extension, 1 Director of Extension, 1 Extension Specialist in Marketing, and 1 Research Worker in Animal Husbandry. These men attended the meetings and participated in the conference in response to a letter sent to the Director of Extension in the States by Dr. C. B. Smith of the Extension Service, and a letter sent out by Mr. Tenny of the Bureau to the Directors of the Agricultural Experiment Stations.

16. TOBACCO SUBJECT OF

SPECIAL CONFERENCE.

A Special Outlook Conference on dark-fired tobacco was held in the Conference Room on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Tenny presided, with H. R. Tolley as Secretary. The Conference was arranged at the request of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce whose Business Manager visited Mr. Tenny's office some time ago and asked for more detailed information on Virginia dark-fired tobacco than is carried in the regular Outlook Report. The facts relating to the Outlook for this type of tobacco were presented by members of the Tobacco Outlook Committee and a detailed report is being forwarded to the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce.

Those present at the Conference outside of the Bureau included a Committee of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce headed by Robert D. Ramsey, Business Manager; J. J. Vernon, Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station; C. C. Taylor, Virginia Extension Service; J. C. McAmis, Extension Specialist in Farm Management from Tennessee. In addition to Mr. Tenny and Mr. Tolley those present from the Bureau included Dr. D. C. Stine, E. C. Shoup, W. F. Callander, Chas. E. Gage, F. B. Wilkinson, A. P. Brodell and J. B. Hutson.

At the close of the Conference the representatives from the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce expressed themselves as highly pleased with the information made available.

17. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending January 27 are:

Cuba cane sugar corporation. Annual report, 11th, 1925/26. [New York & Havana, 1926]

Gt. Brit. Empire cotton growing corporation. Report of annual general meeting, 5th, 1926. [Liverpool? W. & S. ltd., 1926]

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U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on agriculture and forestry. To regulate the importation of milk and cream. Hearings...69th Congress, 2d sess. on H. R. 11768... December 21 and 22, 1926... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

Wye, Kent. South-eastern agricultural college. Dept. of economics. Report no.2. Investigation into farming costs of production and financial results. II. The cost of food in milk production, by James Wyllie ... Wye, Kent [1926]

18. IN CONGRESS:

S. 4746, by Senator Mayfield, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish statistics of the grade and staple length of cotton was reported out of the Senate Committee with amendments.

H.R. 9396, by Mr. Tinchner, to prevent discrimination against farmers' cooperative associations by boards of trade and similar organizations and for other purposes has been reported out of the House Committee.

S. 4808, by Senator McNary, establishing a Federal farm board to aid in the orderly marketing and in the control and disposition of the surplus agricultural commodities has been reported out of the Senate Committee without amendment.

H.R. 15476, by Mr. Morgan, authorizing the appropriation for use by the Secretary of Agriculture of certain funds for wool standards, and for other purposes has been reported out of the House Committee without amendment.

H.R. 15649, by Mr. Funnell, providing for the eradication or control of the European corn borer was reported out of the Senate Committee with an amendment.

H.R. 16470, by Mr. O'Connor, to amend and reenact an act entitled "United States Cotton Futures act", approved August 11, 1916, as amended has been reported out of the House Committee without amendment.

New Bills:

S. 5433, by Senator Walsh of Massachusetts, to further amend the act entitled "An act for the retirement of employees in the classified civil service, and for other purposes," approved May 22, 1920.

S. 5448, by Senator McLean and H.R. 16626 by Mr. Strong, to amend paragraph C of subsection 3 of section 202 of an act entitled "An act to provide additional credit facilities for the agricultural and livestock industries of the United States; to amend the Federal Farm Loan act****.

H.R. 16624, by Mr. Williamson, to provide for the establishment of the United States farm products association, to furnish an elastic reservoir for surplus food and farm products, to afford means of additional storage thereof, to provide funds for the proper financing thereof, and for other purposes.

H.R. 16776, by Mr. Burtness, amending the United States grain standards act by inserting a new section providing for licensing and establishing laboratories for making determinations of protein in wheat and oil in flax.

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W. A. Sherman, Fruits and Vegetables, is scheduled to speak before the Housekeepers' Section of the District of Columbia Chapter of the American Home Economics Association on Thursday, February 3. Mr. Sherman will tell of direct dealings with the producer.

V. N. Valgren, Agricultural Finance, expects to be in Indianapolis the first week in February to address meetings of Fire and Cyclone Insurance Companies.

W. J. Kuhrt, Cooperative Marketing, plans to address the annual meeting of the Farmers' Elevator Association of Minnesota at Benson, February 15-17, and will spend some time in Minneapolis and St. Paul collecting data for the prune marketing study.

W. C. Ten Eyck, Telegraph Office, has gone to Boston, New York and Philadelphia regarding telegraphic arrangements.

Paul L. Miller, Collaborator at Ames, Iowa, will come to Washington this week for conference on a cooperative study of direct shipping and direct selling of livestock to packers.

Thew D. Johnson, Farm Management and Costs, went to New York City last week to interview members of the trade relative to the marketing of prunes, an economic study being made by the Bureau. Mr. Johnson was accompanied by B. H. Critchfield, who is interested also in this study.

George O. Gatlin, Cooperative Marketing, has returned from Athens, Georgia where he conducted the school in Cooperative Marketing.

Mrs. Jennie I. Good, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is being transferred to the Harrisburg, Pa., field office March, as a part of the decentralization program in which the force will be materially reduced. Mrs. Good will be the first to leave Washington. She has been one of the computing clerks assigned to the Crop Reporting Board for several years. Our best wishes go with Mrs. Good to her new post.

At the request of the president of the Michigan State Association of Farmers' Clubs, Dr. C. J. Galpin will deliver two addresses, Feb. 4 during Farmers' Week at East Lansing, Michigan.

Joseph Carter, has been reinstated in the Photographic Laboratory effective January 27, after an absence of nine years.

George Livingston, former Chief of the Bureau, and now Manager of the Livingston Economic Service at Minneapolis, has been a welcome visitor for several days while collecting material on apple production and marketing trends for the Great Northern and The Northern Pacific Railroads, in the Northwest.

GEORGE K. HOLMES.

The death of Mr. George K. Holmes, of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, occurred during the early morning hours of February 1.

Mr. Holmes had had a notable career in the Government service as a statistician, starting as Chief of Division in the 11th Census and going from that position to the position of Assistant Chief and Assistant Statistician in the Division of Statistics, later the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture. He continued in various positions with this office under its later title, Bureau of Crop Estimates, now the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates.

Mr. Holmes was a man of fine abilities and most pleasing personality, and his loss will be felt severely, both in the work of the Bureau and by his many friends therein, to whom his qualities of mind and heart had greatly endeared him. Mr. Holmes was born May 10, 1856. He was a native of Massachusetts and was appointed from that State.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

FLAX, ABSTRACTS AND LIST OF REFERENCES of Published Reports re the Uses, Oil Values, Grading, Dockage (Weed Seed), Production and Marketing of Flaxseed has prepared by Miss C. Louise Phillips. Copies are available in mimeograph form.

CITRUS FRUIT GROWING IN FLORIDA, with emphasis on Polk County, and on the economic aspects of the industry, is the theme of Dept. Bul. 1435 now being distributed. A study of the organization and cost of operating 100 citrus-fruit farms in this county formed the basis of the bulletin. The investigation was carried on for 6 successive years. C. R. Swinson and W. C. Funk are the authors and the footnote gives credit to many other workers in the Department for cooperation in collecting the field data.

MARKETING THE PEACH CROP, an address by Wells A. Sherman, at a mass meeting of peach growers at Macon, Ga., November 16, 1926, has been printed in pamphlet form by the Georgia Peach Growers Exchange, and is being distributed with their compliments. Besides growers, there were in attendance at this meeting, representatives of marketing agencies, the railroads, financial institutions and others interested in productions and marketing the Georgia peach crop. In a foreword, the General Manager of the Exchange refers to Mr. Sherman as generally recognized throughout the country as an outstanding economist and marketing specialist.

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In concluding my assignment as Editor of the B.A.E. NEWS, I want to express my appreciation to officials and members of the Bureau for your kindly interest at all times. For Miss Ellerbrock I bespeak a continuance of your hearty support in making the B.A.E. NEWS of greatest service to our organization.

Sincerely yours,

Mayme C. Parker,

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1. STANDARD TRADING RULES
MOTION SUSTAINED.

Justice Jas. F. Smith, sitting in Justice Stafford's place in the Supreme Court for the District of Columbia, on February 4, sustained the Government's motion to dismiss the complaint filed by certain Cincinnati fruit and vegetable dealers who asked that the Secretary of Agriculture be restrained from proceeding with the plan incorporated in the Standard Trading Rules agreement. Justice Smith, however, granted the complainants 10 days in which to file an amended bill.

Under the proposed plan the Department would promulgate Standard Trading Rules for use in the fresh fruit and vegetable industry and would enter into an agreement with any carlot handler of fresh fruits and vegetables whereby such handler would be governed by the rules. The Secretary would provide a Board of Arbitration for the consideration of disputes referred to it by the parties concerned, would publish the names and addresses of those who signed the agreement, and would furnish such parties a number and symbol which they might use on their business stationery or in advertising.

This plan was discussed in May, 1925, at a called conference of representative members of the fruit and vegetable trade and at various subsequent meetings of trade organizations. It was submitted to the trade through a broad distribution made in December, 1925, requesting comments and suggestions. In view of the number of favorable responses received and the very few who indicated that they did not care to enter into this arrangement with the Department, the proposition was reprinted in the form of a contract which was forwarded in August, 1926, only to those who had indicated their desire to sign. At this point a petition was filed in the Supreme Court for the District of Columbia asking for an injunction to prevent the Secretary of Agriculture from putting this plan into operation. Although no temporary injunction has been granted, the Department has held the whole matter in abeyance since that time. In the meantime signed agreements have been received from over 800 parties. This represents an estimated unduplicated tonnage of 300,000 cars, which is approximately one-third of the total shipment of fruits and vegetables of the country. No effort whatever has been made thus far by the Department to encourage the signing of the agreements.

Many dealers have been awaiting the outcome of the case in court and will sign the agreement as soon as the Department begins the distribution of certificates.

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Accompanying this issue of the B. A. E. NEWS, mailed to the field, are copies of the Addresses of the President and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget at the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Business Organization of the Government, held at Memorial Continental Hall, January 29, 1927.

2. MR. ROHRMAN NOW ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT, CENTER MARKET.

Mr. William H. Rohrman will act as Assistant Superintendent coincident with the appointment of Mr. Walleigh as Superintendent, of Center Market, announced in the last Bureau News. Mr. Rohrman transferred to this Bureau from the Patent Office in 1915, entering the Section of Mails and Files as a clerk. In 1921 he transferred to the former Cost of Marketing Division as an accountant, serving there until the following year, when he was transferred to Center Market as cashier. He has worked in that capacity until his recent promotion.

In his new assignment Mr. Rohrman assists Mr. Walleigh in the management and direction of the market, including supervision of approximately 60 employees. He is responsible for the handling of all accounts, designing accounting forms and records, preparing leases, contracts, and permits. He assists in securing the compliance of tenants in the published regulations; in providing for uniform and recognized business practices; the handling of complaints, and the various operating problems arising in the conduct of that business. Mr. Rohrman will be in charge of the market in the absence of Mr. Walleigh.

3. MEAT GRADING EXTENDED
TO VETERANS BUREAU HOSPITALS.

Effective February 1, the meat grading service of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division was extended to the following hospitals of the U. S. Veterans Bureau; "West Roxbury", Boston, Mass.; "West Haven", New Haven, Conn.; "Bronx" and "Castle Point", New York; "Edward Hines, Jr.", and "North Chicago", Chicago, Illinois; and "Mt. Alto", Washington, D. C. It is planned to extend the service to include practically all hospitals of the Veterans Bureau, 52 in number, as soon as details for handling the work can be perfected.

4. RICE GRADING CLASSES
IN MISSOURI.

W. D. Smith, of the New Orleans Grain Investigations office, at the request of the rice growers and the college and extension officials of Missouri, will conduct two-day rough rice grading classes at Old Monroe and Elsberry, Mo., from February 8 to 11.

The growing of rice in Missouri is a comparatively new venture. It has been demonstrated during the last year or two that the yield of rice per acre in Missouri is about twice as great as the yield in Louisiana, and as a result the acreage in Missouri is increasing rapidly each year. No rice mills have so far been built in Missouri, and the producers in that State are, therefore, compelled to ship their rice to the mills in Arkansas and other Southern States. This condition makes it desirable for them to have definite grades for use in marketing their rice, and it is principally for this purpose that the Missouri growers have requested assistance in the standardization of their rice.

At the request of rice growers and extension officials of Arkansas, Mr. Smith will conduct similar schools at DeWitt and Stuttgart, Arkansas, from February 17 to 19.

5. CARROLL F. DUVAL
TO ASSUME NEW DUTIES.

Carroll F. Duvall, who has been employed as Executive Clerk in the administrative office, has been assigned as Assistant in Market Exhibits, Division of Economic Information, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Ben L. Perkins.

Mr. Duvall transferred to this Bureau in 1915 from the Bureau of Plant Industry, as a clerk, since which time he has had various assignments here, including the positions of Time Clerk and Acting Chief Clerk. Mr. Duvall has been under the supervision of the Business Manager, handling special administrative and supervisory duties, such as supervision of the char and labor forces, the handling of complaints regarding heating, lighting, and plumbing, assisting in the assignment of space, etc.

In his new duties Mr. Duvall will assist in the design, preparation, installation, and handling of exhibits. In cooperation with the Office of Exhibits of the Department he will also assist in arranging for floor space allotments at fairs where Department exhibits are displayed, coordinating displays and working out schedules of showings, transportation, arrangements for men and materials; and will serve to explain to visitors the nature of the work covered by exhibits.

He will continue to perform special assignments for the office of the Chief, including arrangements for space for the Bureau in Washington, and to serve as a member of the Board of Survey, passing upon the disposition of lost or worn-out office equipment.

Mr. Duvall is well qualified for his new duties, having assisted in exhibit work on numerous occasions, and for a short period having been immediately in charge of one of the Southern exhibit circuits.

6. CROP ESTIMATES STATISTICAL
CLASSES UNDER WAY.

The first class in the short course in statistical methods, under the direction of C. F. Sarle, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, was held last Wednesday afternoon on the fourth floor of the Division's offices at 200 - 14th Street. Twenty-two members of the staff are taking this work, 9 of them from the field and 13 from the Washington office. As pointed out in last week's issue of the Bureau News, the course is intended primarily for the benefit of the more recently appointed Assistant Statisticians in the field.

In his address opening the class, Mr. Tenny pointed out the interrelation of the various phases of the Bureau's work, particularly the importance of statistics to all of those phases. He emphasized the fact that the office of the field man is not a unit working by itself or even as a branch of the division it represents, but is a part of the whole Bureau organization. Acquaintance with the significant work of the Bureau is essential for the field man, Mr. Tenny stated, in order that inquiries regarding work other than that with which he is especially concerned may be satisfactorily handled.

An important part of the program of the classes is to have a lecture given each day by division leaders to acquaint the field men with some of the major activities of the Bureau.

7. MISS SHERMAN ADDRESSES
D. C. LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Miss Caroline D. Sherman, Economic Information, spoke before the Annual Meeting of the District of Columbia Library Association on February 5 on how librarians may keep the public better informed of the resources and services that the libraries of Washington have to offer. The cursory survey of what the Government libraries are already doing in this direction, on which the talk was based, revealed a surprising amount and diversity of valuable bibliographical work being done in Governmental libraries and from there made available to the public at large through a surprisingly wide distribution. The public endorsement of this work by scientists and others is marked. The libraries of this Bureau and of this Department are among the Government libraries that are taking a leading part in such work.

8. GERMAN WORK STUDENT
IN AMERICA.

Mr. Tenny and Dr. Stine were visited last Monday by Herbert Krippendorff, Secretary of the German Students Cooperative Association, New York City, a branch of the Association by that name in Dresden, Germany. The Association represents a self-help of the German academic youth who are forced to work in order to meet college expenses. The purpose of Herr Krippendorff's visit to the Bureau was to obtain names and locations of good farms upon which students might be placed who were coming over to do agricultural work.

More than 100,000 students have found employment through the Association; 5,000 receive yearly loans, and 250 of exceptional ability secure annual fellowships. The whole country contributes to the cause; academic societies, industrial and farm organizations, and municipalities all furnishing help.

Its sponsors include many intellectual leaders, such as: Professor Einstein of the University, Berlin; Professor Naegel of the School of Technology, Dresden; and many industrials, well known in America, such as: Carl Duisberg, President of Bayer Chemical Company; R. Bosch, President of the Bosch Magneto Company, and others.

To enable a number of young German students to study American conditions, the Department of Labor of the United States agreed to admit in the year 1926 one hundred graduates from Schools of Technology and Universities. Additional students will be admitted during 1927. These students are not considered as coming under the contract labor clause of the Immigration Law and are admitted for two years. They are given employment, through the New York branch of the Association, in factories, mines or on farms.

9. PREPARATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL
COUNTRY LIFE CONFERENCE.

Dr. C. J. Galpin, Farm Population and Rural Life, has been authorized by the Secretary to assist in making preparations for the International Country Life Conference to be held in the United States next summer. Dr. Galpin's activity will consist largely in making contacts with representatives of other countries either in Washington or by correspondence abroad.

10. TENTATIVE PROGRAM
FOR WOOL CONFERENCE.

Acceptances of invitations to the wool conference, to be held Feb. 11 by the Division of Cooperative Marketing, indicate a probable attendance of between 25 and 30 representatives of cooperative wool marketing organizations. As serving to direct discussion along the lines of the more important phases of cooperative wool marketing, the following draft of program has been arranged, although discussion will not necessarily be limited to the subjects indicated:

How can the research, educational and service activities of the new Division of Cooperative Marketing of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics best serve the development of cooperative marketing of wool?

What specific problems of a research character can the new division undertake?

What are the more important problems confronting your organization and how are you meeting them?

What plan of organization in your experience is best adapted

- (a) To secure and maintain a satisfied membership?
- (b) To provide adequate finances?
- (c) To effectively merchandise your wools?

Mr. Tenny, Chris L. Christensen, J. F. Walker, and G. T. Willingmyre will take part in these meetings. Mr. Tenny will act as Chairman.

11. MRS. NEEL TO ASSIST MISS CLARK.

Mrs. Anna P. Neel is being transferred from the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, to the office of Miss Emily E. Clark, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Ethelyn C. Winslow.

Mrs. Neel has served in the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, in responsible clerical positions, ever since her entrance in the Bureau in 1917, more recently being associated with Mr. Gibbons in the livestock market news work. In addition to stenographic duties, Mrs. Neel has also had experience in preparing statistical and general material for publication in Crops and Markets and for release in other forms.

In her new duties Mrs. Neel will assist in the compilation and analysis of data for use in the Bureau estimates of appropriations for the use of the Bureau of the Budget in presenting the estimates to the Congressional Committees, and in the preparation of miscellaneous fiscal, special, and regular reports. She will prepare and be responsible for the accuracy of statistical data relative to appropriations, expenditures of allotments, etc., and will perform miscellaneous clerical work.

12. NEW SPACE ASSIGNMENTS.

The office formerly occupied by Mr. Kitchen will be occupied by Mr. Michael, and room 701 which has been used by him will be occupied by Miss Clark. This arrangement will make it possible for Miss Clark, who works closely with the office of the chief on all matters of estimates and allotments, readily accessible to both Mr. Tenny and Mr. Kitchen. The room occupied by Miss Clark will be made available to the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, which in turn will surrender one room adjoining Mails and Files for the use of that section to relieve the heavy congestion existing there.

13. AMMENDMENT TO THE
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS.

The following paragraphs of the Administrative Regulations of the Department are amended in Secretary's memo. 565, as shown below:

Par. 415. PROCEDURE IN RECOMMENDING CHANGES IN PERSONNEL. - Recommendations for appointments, transfers, promotions, resignations, and all other changes in the personnel of the Department shall be submitted in such form as may be prescribed.

The amended paragraph does not prescribe the specific form. The omission makes for flexibility of procedure by permitting changes in the form from time to time as experience demonstrates their need, without the necessity of formal modifications of the regulation.

Par. 421. EXPENSES INCIDENT TO REPORTING FOR DUTY. - A person receiving original appointment in the Department will be required to report at the place at which service is to be performed without expense to the Government. The former concluding phrase, "unless specifically authorized by the Secretary in advance," is revoked in view of the fact that the classification act of 1923, together with the statutory requirement that the salaries of field positions be adjusted as nearly as possible to those provided by the act for service in the District of Columbia, terminates the authorization to allow expenses of reporting for duty which formerly existed in case of lump sum or non-statutory positions.

Par. 463, "Promotion of Scientific Employees," is revoked. The regulation established a committee to act in case of recommendation of promotion of scientific employees and provided a separate form for such recommendations. In view of the fact that the boards of review are at present organized in point of personnel and otherwise to serve in an advisory capacity with respect to the promotion of scientific employees as well as those of other classes, the need for a special body no longer exists.

14. BUREAU CONTRIBUTES AGRICULTURAL
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS TO NEW BOOK.

"Employment Statistics for the United States", a publication resulting from the combined efforts of members of the Committee on Governmental Labor Statistics of the American Statistical Association, carries a section relating to the collection of Governmental statistics on agricultural employment, a contribution by Joseph A. Becker, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. Mr. Becker has been serving as a member of this committee for several years. The book was edited by two members of the committee, Ralph G. Hurlin and William A. Berridge, and was published, through an arrangement between the Statistical Association and the Russell Sage Foundation, by the latter agency.

15. SIR HORACE PLUNKETT COMMENDS
RURAL POPULATION WORK.

A letter from Sir Horace Plunkett to Dr. C. J. Galpin, acknowledging a complete set of bulletins and reports of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, comments favorably on the activities of that division. Sir Horace, an outstanding Irish economist, visited the Bureau in 1923, and will be remembered by many members of the staff. Following is an extract from his letter:

"It will be extremely interesting to watch the reaction to the attempt to make the leaders of rural communities grasp the comprehensive philosophy of rural life you have elaborated for them. I presume your hope is that you will provoke discussion first among what we may call the rural intelligentsia - the clergy, school teachers, the lawyers, physicians and the better educated farmers and their wives - and gradually interest the entire community. It is most assuredly a great undertaking; and, if you succeed there can be no limit to the benefits you will confer upon the rural communities of the English speaking world. In a smaller way and in a much smaller country I have worked along similar lines for the greater part of my life. I cannot better express my goodwill to you as a fellow-worker than by hoping that your success may be as great as my failure.

"I do not regret that I worked for rural progress, and I am exceedingly glad that you have discovered, and are supplying, such a large demand in rural communities for discussion of their problems.

"With renewed thanks for your gifts to our Library," &c.

16. COMMENDATION FROM
GRAIN TRADE PAPER.

The address of R. C. Miller, of the Minneapolis Office of Federal Grain Supervision, given in December before the last annual convention of the South Dakota Farmers' Grain Dealers Association at Watertown, S.D., is printed in full in the February, 1927, issue of THE COOPERATIVE MANAGER AND FARMER. An article in the same issue of that paper, entitled "Grain Grading Explained", discusses the value of Mr. Miller's remarks to elevator managers and officers of farmer elevator companies, as well as to grain dealers and farmers. "We deem it worthy of close study and careful consideration" this article states.

17. IN CONGRESS:

- S. 4746, by Senator Mayfield, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish statistics of the grade and staple length of cotton passed the Senate.
- S. 4909, by Senator Smith, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to take a census of baled cotton, known as the "carry over" on hand August 1, 1927 has been passed by the Senate.
- H.R.15649, by Mr. Purnell, providing for the eradication or control of the European corn borer passed the Senate.
- H.R.11768, by Mr. Taber, to regulate the importation of milk and cream into the United States for the purpose of promoting the dairy industry of the United States and protecting the public health has been passed by the Senate.
- H.R.9268, by Mr. Stevenson, to amend agricultural credits act of 1923, has been passed by the Senate and sent to the President of the United States for signature.

New Bills:

- S. 5522, by Senator Oddie, to authorize the appropriation for use by the Secretary of Agriculture of certain funds for wool standards, and for other purposes.
- H.R.16809, by Mr. Crisp, establishing a Federal farm board in the Department of Agriculture to aid the industry of agriculture to organize effectively for the orderly marketing and for the control and disposition of the surplus of agricultural commodities.
- H.R.16945, by Mr. Lankford, to establish a Federal farm board to aid in the orderly marketing and in control and disposition of the surplus of agricultural commodities.
- H.R.16951, by Mr. Garber, to authorize intermediate credit banks to assist agricultural cooperative associations in acquiring storage facilities.
- H.R.10510, by Mr. Hare, to prevent the destruction or dumping without good cause of farm produce by commission merchants and to require them to account for all farm produce, passed the House.

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18. G. S. Meloy, Division of Cotton Marketing, is in receipt of letter of appreciation from S. J. Mills, Secretary of the Better Bedding Alliance of America, for an address delivered at a convention of that association in Chicago, January 19, Mr. Mills refers to the address as a "splendid talk" and expresses thanks for Mr. Meloy's "important part" in making the convention a success.

19. MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN JANUARY

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during January:

The Agricultural Outlook for 1927. Miscellaneous Circular 101.

Crop Report Regulations. Miscellaneous Circular 96.

Statistics of Cattle, Calves, Beef, Veal, Hides, and Skins.
For Statistical Bulletin.

S.R.A. 95, Amendments 4 and 5.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Booth, J. F., Agricultural Cooperation in New York.
For American Agriculturist.

Hulbert, L. S.; What Does the Law Say About the Board of Directors? For Cooperative Marketing Journal.

Kuhrt, W. J.; Handling the Problem of Variation in Protein Content of Wheat at Farmers' Elevators.
For Farmers' Elevator Guide.

Marquis, J. C.; Agricultural Legislation. For American Yearbook.

Phillips, C. Louise; Corn, The Miracle Plant. For Better Crops.

Slocum, R. R.; Quality production and Standardization of Eggs.
For Lake Region Farm Poultry News.

Slocum, R. R.; Standardization and Market Inspection of Poultry Products in the United States. For proceedings of the World's Poultry Congress.

20. MIMEOGRAPHINGTHE OUTLOOK REPORT.

In putting out the Agricultural Outlook, the Bureau Mimeographing Section handled 342 separate stencils on 3 mimeograph machines, turning out 157,575 copies during the period January 19 to 29.

In addition the section handled 316 stencils and ran 116,000 copies of other regular work, as well as to do some multigraph composition for crop reports. This represents the total of 658 jobs or stencils and a total run of 273,575 copies.

Special credit is due the force of the Mimeographing Section for their cooperation in handling this large amount of emergency work.

21. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending February 4 are:

An Almanack for the year of Our Lord 1926, by Joseph Whitaker...
London, 1926.

Dairymen's league cooperative association, inc., New York. Story of the year, 1925-26. [New York, 1926]

Evening post, New York. Annual business survey... Jan. 3, 1927.
[New York, 1927]

Larmer, F. M. Financing the livestock industry... New York, The Macmillan company, 1926. (Institute of economics. Investigations in agricultural economics)

Lavergne, Bernard. L'ordre coopératif; étude générale de la coopération de consommation... Paris, F. Alcan, 1926.

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade information bulletin. no. 449. Potash in Poland, by R. H. Allen...
January, 1927.

U. S. Dept. of justice. Annual report of the Attorney general of the United States for the fiscal year 1926. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. Contains statistics of bankruptcy: p.224-312.

U. S. Tariff commission. Wool by-products and wool wastes...
Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (Tariff information surveys... Fl-40)

Wisconsin. Legislative reference library. Organization and duties of departments of agriculture and marketing in the states of the United States and departments administering weights and measures and food laws... [Madison] Sept. 1924.

22. FAREWELL DINNERTO W. H. STANTON.

A farewell dinner in honor of W. H. Stanton, Fruit and Vegetable Market News Service, New York City, whose resignation was announced in last week's issue of the Bureau News, was held at the Cafe Beaux Arts, 40th Street and 6th Avenue, New York, on Wednesday evening, January 26. Fifty-four persons attended the dinner, including members of the Fruit and Vegetable staff, Dairy Products office, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, and Joint Office, and several former members of the Bureau who now hold commercial positions in New York.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Tenny is in Ithaca, N. Y., today attending a reunion of Extension men. He will remain there Wednesday and Thursday for several of the sessions of Farmers' Week, returning to the office Thursday.

A cheering message has been received by Mr. Tenny from Mr. Olsen, who is still at Rochester, Minn., for treatment, in which he states that for the past two weeks he has been making rapid progress toward recovery.

H.M.Dixon, Farm Management Extension service, will leave the first of next week for Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Georgia and North Carolina, to participate in farm management meetings and to aid in formulating farm management extension plans in the various States.

W.F.Callander, Crop and Livestock Estimates, has gone for two months into the southern States to make arrangements for the field work during the next year. He has been invited to discuss the crop reporting service of the Bureau at the Agricultural colleges in Texas and Oklahoma.

H.R.Tolley, Farm Management and Costs, read a paper at the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers, in Atlanta, Ga., on Thursday, his subject being "Farm Organization and Management for Cotton Production."

Dr. O.C.Stine and about 20 members of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research had dinner at the Cosmos Club Saturday evening. Dr.A.F.Woods, Director of Scientific Work, and Mr. Tenny were guests. Program and methods of research in foreign demand were discussed by Dr.G.B.L.Arner, E.C.Shoup, J.B.M. Ezekiel, and L.H.Bean;; others joined in the general discussion.

We learn, with regret, of the absence of Mrs. Edith Runkle, Division of Economic Information, on account of sickness.

Miss Shirley Shinas, whose associates in the Personnel Section understood she was taking leave for rest when away from the office several days last week, returned Monday morning as Mrs. Louis D. Robbin. The marriage took place last Wednesday, in Baltimore. We extend heartiest good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Robbin.

C. G. Randall will attend the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Central Cooperative Livestock Commission Association of St. Paul, Minnesota, at South St. Paul, Feb. 9, and deliver an address. It is expected that there will be present at this meeting between 300 and 400 farmers from the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana.

F. B. Wilkinson, Warehousing Division, has gone to Raleigh, N. C., Springfield, Tenn., and Hopkinsville, Ky., to supervise the grading of tobacco of the Dark Types, and to ascertain if the changes in grade are being observed.

Wm. Broxton, Cold Storage Report Section, has returned from a visit to cold storage and packing house plants in Arkansas, Texas, and Tennessee.

V. N. Valgren, Agricultural Finance, attended insurance meetings at Indianapolis, Ind., and at Lansing, Mich., last week.

A.W.McKay, Cooperative Marketing, was called to Philadelphia last week at the death of Mrs. McKay's father.

G.S.Meloy, Cotton Marketing Division, plans to go to Springfield, Ohio, this week to inspect types of cotton-seed grading machinery and to consult with manufacturers of cotton-seed oil machinery regarding the standardization of cotton seed.

Whitney Coombs, Division of Agricultural Finance, left Monday for East Lansing, Michigan, to discuss various official questions with R. Wayne Newton, formerly of this Bureau and now connected with the Michigan State College.

C. R. Swinson, Farm Management and Costs, is leaving today to attend the annual meeting of the West Virginia Horticultural Society and Extension School in Horticulture at Martinsburg, W. Va. Mr. Swinson will discuss a paper entitled "Causes of Low Yields in Orchards in the Cumberland-Shenandoah Valley." In 1926. Mr. Swinson made studies on questions related to this subject in Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee, in conjunction with the State Colleges there.

We are glad to report the rapid recovery of Miss Pauline A. McDonnell, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, from a recent operation for sinus at Garfield Hospital.

Mrs. E. Fenton, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, will be on leave for several weeks on account of illness and a contemplated operation.

Congratulations are being extended to J. A. Burgess, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, upon the arrival on February 1 of another son.

Geo. B. Fiske, Fruit and Vegetable Division, will address the West Virginia Horticultural Society at Martinsburg, West Virginia, on Feb. 10 and 11.

No heat in the new Standardization Building, 300 Linworth Place, caused the dismissal of employees in that building Monday, about noon. It is reported that during the time they worked some of the bald-headed members found it necessary to wear their hats.

Mrs. Carrie French Froehlich, Telegraph Section, is the latest recruit to the bobbed-hair ranks. She says - "Don't tell anybody."

A. W. McKay, left Sunday night for Columbia, Mo., where he will attend the Cooperative Marketing School of the Missouri Agricultural College, in session from Feb. 7 to 10, and deliver two addresses - an illustrated lecture on Denmark, and one dealing with management problems of cooperative marketing associations. From Columbia he will go to Jacksonville, Ill., to address the annual convention of the Farmers' Grain Dealers Association of Illinois, which will be held from Feb. 8 to 10, on various activities of the Division of Cooperative Marketing.

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1. MR. WALKER TO STUDY WOOL MARKETING ABROAD.

The assignment of J. F. Walker, Division of Cooperative Marketing, to a year's study of wool marketing practices in Australia and New Zealand, was announced by Mr. Tenny at the two-day wool conference held in the Bureau last week.

Thirty representatives of the leading cooperative wool marketing associations throughout the country attended this meeting. They represented 40,000 wool producers who marketed nearly 20,500,000 pounds of wool last year. Secretary Jardine welcomed the group and assured them of the Department's interest in and desire to help them in solving the problems connected with the production and marketing of wool. The meeting opened with a description of the Bureau's present program of research, service, and educational work on the cooperative marketing of wool. General discussions followed for the purpose of developing additional services through the division.

Mr. Walker outlined briefly the development of the wool industry in the United States, the problems confronting it at home, and the formidable competition confronting it abroad. He said that "wools from South Africa and Australia threaten to dominate the American market. They are better graded and suited to mill requirements as a class. We want to know how these foreign producers produce quality wools, how they meet mill requirements, and how the product is merchandised."

Mr. Walker will sail from Vancouver, B.C., for Auckland, New Zealand, March 9, on the S. S. "Niagara".

2. SPRAY RESIDUE DISCUSSION PURPOSE OF WESTERN CONFERENCE.

W. A. Sherman, Fruit and Vegetable Division, will represent this Bureau at a conference, February 21, in Salt Lake City, to consider the situation with reference to arsenical spray residue on fruits. The programs to be recommended to the growers for the coming year and the attitude of the Bureau of Chemistry toward these problems in the future enforcement of the Food and Drugs Act will be discussed. This conference has been called by the Bureau of Chemistry and the Director of Regulatory Work, and will be held in cooperation with the enforcement officials in charge of horticultural laws in the Rocky Mountains and Pacific Coast States. Anticipating that questions will be asked as to how far and in what way our inspection service can be utilized in carrying out the educational and service work agreed upon, Forbes E. Bailey, W. A. Close, L. G. Schultz, E. F. McCune, and W. F. Allewelt, Supervising Inspectors in the far West, will also attend this meeting.

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Tuesday, February 22, will be observed as a holiday in the Washington and field offices.

3. AGRICULTURAL FINANCE MAKES
CREDITS STUDY IN SOUTH.

The Division of Agricultural Finance is making a study of financial conditions and possibilities among farmers of the South to determine the amount and kinds of credit available on cotton and other crops. A survey of all financial institutions that provide credit is being made. Inquiry will be made of merchants, including dealers in fertilizers, for possible credits such farmers may receive. Specifically the study has for its objectives the following:

1. To determine the credit requirements for sound and practicable production programs in the cotton belt.
2. To determine the ability of existing credit agencies to finance such programs where reasonable security for the needed credit is available.
3. To determine the extent to which farmers are in position to offer reasonably ample security for the credit necessary to enable them to adjust their farming operations to a more profitable basis.
4. To determine, for localities where the credit supply fails to meet legitimate credit needs of farmers on fair and suitable terms, how existing credit agencies can be assisted or supplemented.
5. To determine how or to what extent, by individual or concerted action, the security or general credit capacity of the farmers may be best utilized or improved.
6. To determine the relation of credit to cooperative marketing and cooperative membership.

Nearly 40,000 questionnaires, distributed among Southern farmers through the cooperation of rural mail carriers and other agencies, requested a confidential accounting of the 1926 farm and credit program. More than 4,200 of these questionnaires have been returned and tabulated.

David L. Wickens, who was appointed to the Division of Agricultural Finance from the University of Chicago, in November, and Arthur N. Moore, from Harvard University, in September, left last week for points in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Oklahoma, where definite work on this study has been planned. Later it is expected to extend the survey to other Southern States.

4. MR. TEELE TO ASSIST IN
INDIAN ECONOMIC SURVEY.

R. P. Teele, Division of Land Economics, is being detailed to assist in a survey of Indian irrigation methods and practices undertaken as a part of the program of the Interior Department for a study of the entire Indian problem. The projects to be covered are scattered through the Western States from the Mexican to the Canadian lines, and will require travel throughout that area. His detail is a result of a request from the Secretary of the Interior for the designation of an agricultural economist to study the economic conditions on the projects. Mr. Teele will begin his study about the middle of March.

5. BOARD OF COTTONLINTERS EXAMINERS FORMED.

A Board of Cotton Linters Examiners, corresponding to the Board of Cotton Examiners, has recently been designated under the Cotton Standards act to classify linters as to grade and staple.

Secretary Jardine authorized this action in an amendment to service and regulatory announcement, No. 95, to include cotton linters with cotton for classification and comparison. On December 29 the members of the Board were named: G. S. Meloy as Chairman, Frank Reed as Secretary, and Frank S. Hubbard and Victor R. Fuchs as the other members of the Board. With the exception of Mr. Reed, the members of this Board are now engaged in the testing of cotton seed products.

With the growing importance of cotton linters, Mr. Meloy has made extensive studies of grades of linters as applied to marketing.

6. CHANGES IN EASTERN TELEGRAPHCIRCUIT OPERATION MARCH 1.

Effective March 1, the Eastern telegraph circuit will be operated with 1 telegrapher instead of 2 in our Boston, New York and Philadelphia offices, W. C. Ten Eyck, Superintendent of Telegraph, announces. This accomplishes a reduction in force of 3 and effects a considerable economy in the cost of operation. The circuit will be opened promptly at 8 a. m. instead of 7, as heretofore, and will close around 5 p. m. All emergency traffic will be completed before the circuit closes. W. J. Stanton will handle the telegraph work in the Boston office, Miss Mary J. Wells, in New York, and B. J. McConnell in Philadelphia.

7. LARGE ATTENDANCE ATCOOPERATIVE SCHOOL.

The average attendance at the several sessions of the four-day cooperative school, held January 24-28 at the Georgia State College of Agriculture, Athens, Ga., is reported at between 300 and 400, composed mostly of county agents, cooperative association field men, directors, and farmers. The Bureau was represented at these sessions by A. W. McKay, Geo. O. Gatlin, A. V. Swarthout, and B. B. Derrick, Division of Cooperative Marketing, and R. R. Pailthorp, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

8. C. G. RANDALL'S SPEECHWELL RECEIVED.

The address of C. G. Randall, Division of Cooperative Marketing, on "Management Problems of Livestock Cooperatives, before the 5th Annual Convention of the Livestock Producers' Association in Chicago last week, is given considerable space in an article in the January 27 issue of the Chicago Journal of Commerce reporting the Convention, being the first of quotations from various speeches made there.

Mr. Randall indicates that there was a large attendance at the meeting, ^{and} states that as a representative of the Department he was given a cordial reception. Evidence of the interest in his remarks comes in a request from the Association for permission to reprint his address in leaflet form for distribution to livestock interests.

9. E. P. LEMOTT RESIGNS.

Edward P. Lemott, Executive Clerk of the Joint Office, Chicago, Ill., has tendered his resignation effective February 28, to accept a position as special representative of the A. B. Dick Company, of that city.

Mr. Lemott came to this Bureau in 1918 from the Interstate Commerce Commission to fill the position of Head Clerk of the Joint Office at Chicago, the duties of which he has carried ever since in a highly efficient manner. He has been contact representative for that office, handling numerous operating matters and the radio program from that point. He has been Secretary of the Department Club in Chicago and closely connected with the Federal Business Association, giving considerable time to the Area Coordinator and others who are interested in bringing about closer cooperation among not only the various bureaus of the Department represented in Chicago, but the various Departments as well.

Mr. Lemott indicates that after several months' training, his new work will involve a large amount of travel. His genial disposition and loyal attitude in the service have won for him many warm friends in the Bureau and Department, who regret his departure but wish him the best of good fortune in his new field of work.

10. A NEW RECORD IN
GRAIN APPEALS.

The Grain Division broke all previous records in the number of appeals handled during the first half of the current fiscal year. These appeals were made from inspections performed by grain inspectors licensed by the Department under the United States grain standards Act. The 35 offices of Federal Grain Supervision entertained a total of 34,462 appeals and issued Federal grade certificates on the grain. The kinds of grain and the number of appeals for each kind are as follows: Wheat, 21,288; Corn, 8,990; Oats, 2,705; Rye, 1,210; Grain Sorghums, 130; Feed Oats, 9; Mixed Feed Oats, 29; and Barley 101. The Chicago office led the way with a total of 7,177, more than half of which was on corn. Taking all offices combined, the grades appealed from were changed in 44.6 per cent of the cases, of which 38.8 per cent was given a higher grade. The grades in question were found to be correct in 55.4 per cent of the appeals.

The fees from this appeal service amounted to \$36,367.63, which was turned into the U. S. Treasury as miscellaneous receipts. The appeal fees from the Chicago office alone amounted to \$11,885.50, more than half of which represents fees for appeals on more than 12 million bushels of grain loaded into steamships.

The number of appeals which were carried to the Board of Review at Chicago not only established a new record for a six months' period, but passed any full year. The Board handled 782 board appeals, sustaining the district supervisors in 81.3 per cent of the cases. The revenue resulting from accumulated grain samples, condemned and sold, amounted to \$4,086.78, during the half year. A total of 9,053 checks and money orders passed through the appeals section of the Grain Division during this period, including 156 refund checks sent to depositors.

11. MR. PEW TERMINATES
LONG DEPARTMENT SERVICE.

Irving W. Pew, Assistant Marketing Specialist, of the North Portland office of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, has submitted his resignation to take effect on March 3, after a continuous service of 31 years in the Department.

Mr. Pew first entered the Department as a Tagger (of carcasses) in the Bureau of Animal Industry. Following a series of clerical promotions he was appointed in July, 1915, Assistant Chief of the Miscellaneous Division, in charge of the Department Appointment Section. In August, 1916, he was made Executive Clerk; and two years later was promoted to the position of Appointment Clerk of the Department. Mr. Pew was transferred to the Bureau of Markets in August, 1918, and assigned as Chief Clerk of the Chicago office of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division. He was promoted to Assistant in Marketing Livestock and Meats in November, 1920, and in April, 1922, opened and assumed charge of the division's office at St. Joseph, Mo. He opened our livestock office at North Portland, Ore., in 1924, where he has been in charge ever since.

Mr. Pew terminates his long and faithful service to enter the insurance business in Portland. The best wishes of his numerous friends and acquaintances in the Department follow him in his new work.

12. REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED
WAR RISK INSURANCE.

The President, by Proclamation dated January 11, 1927, has designated the period January 31 to February 7, 1927, as a time during which special effort should be made to inform all veterans of the World War of the right they have to reinstate lapsed war risk life insurance, and to convert it into United States Government life insurance. Heads of offices both in Washington and the field should take steps to inform veterans under their direction that the opportunity to reinstate war risk life insurance now exists but that the right will lapse after July 2, 1927. After that date such war risk term insurance cannot be reinstated. Veterans desiring to take action towards reinstatement of their war risk insurance should be instructed to obtain detailed information from the central office of the United States Veterans Bureau, Washington, D. C., or from any of its regional offices located throughout the country. (P.B.A. Circular No. 56).

13. OUR BIBLIOGRAPHIES
CITED IN CONGRESS.

"Much of this material is condensed from Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 12 and No. 18 issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This source of information guarantees in a large way the accuracy of the summary". So writes Chester H. Gray, Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, to the Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture when transmitting a Summary of Control Measures in Foreign Countries. This summary and this "guarantee" appear in the Congressional Record for February 10.

14. OUTPUT OF PUBLICATIONS.

The number of manuscripts submitted by the Bureau for publication during the past four months has just about offset the number coming from the press. Thus at the end of each of three consecutive months the number of manuscripts "in the works" beyond the Bureau was 36, and at the end of January the number was 33. During one of these months the number of manuscripts submitted, and the number of items coming from the press, was 7 each, which is the highest monthly record during this period. On the 1st of February, 25 of our publications were in the Government Printing Office, 6 were receiving attention in the Division of Publications, and 2 had been temporarily returned by that Division with suggestions. Of the 11 manuscripts recorded in the Bureau editorial office and not yet ready to go forward, 2 were awaiting editing, 5 had been temporarily returned to authors with suggestions, 3 were in conference, and 1 was being reviewed in a division other than the one in which it was prepared.

15. RECENT FLORIDA FREEZE CALLS
FOR SPECIAL INSPECTION ARRANGEMENTS.

Due to the unusually dry weather and freeze in Florida, causing injury to much of the fruit ready for this season's market, County Citrus Sub Exchange of the Florida Citrus Exchange have entered into an agreement with the Bureau for the Federal inspection of all fruit shipments. These include the greater part of the exchange tonnage.

As a precautionary measure, in view of the poor condition of the fruit, the growers are taking this means to have their shipments of citrus fruits specially inspected at the point of origin for the rest of the season. Such inspection is considered a safeguard against possible trouble which may arise under the Pure Food and Drugs act.

16. FIELD SEED SUMMARY
RECEIVES FAVORABLE MENTION.

An editorial in the Jan. 28 issue of the SEED WORLD, entitled "Field Seed Summary," in commenting on a contribution by Geo C. Edler, Hay, Feed and Seed Division, in the same issue, entitled "Summary of Field Situation" recommends that the article be read by all wholesale and retail seedsmen. "Service of this kind rendered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture is of inestimable value to the seed industry, for there is probably no other agency in the country which is in a position to obtain as accurate and unbiased information", the editorial states. Mr. Edler furnishes the SEED WORLD with a similar summary every year.

17. "THE USE OF WORDS. - The final item in the sheet which the professor of animal husbandry designed for the boys' calf club reads thus: 'Disposition of animal at end of feeding period.' One boy reported 'Very quiet and tame but kicks at times,' and another boy said 'Very violent.' Next time the professor will simply ask what was done with the animal at the end of the feeding period and will get the information he wants." (Editorial from PENNSYLVANIA STOCKMAN AND FARMER - Jan. 29, 1927.)

18. IN THE LIBRARY

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending February 11 are:

Beck, James M. The vanishing rights of the states; a discussion of the right of the Senate to nullify the action of a sovereign state in the selection of its representatives in the Senate... New York, George H. Doren company [1926]

Elbourne, Edward T. The marketing problem; how it is being tackled in U. S. A. London, New York [etc.] Longmans, Green and co., ltd., 1926.

Jones, David Caradog. & Daniels, G. W. Elements of mathematics for students of economics & statistics ... [Liverpool] University press of Liverpool, limited; London, Hodder & Stoughton, limited, 1926.

McGuire, C. E. Italy's international economic position... New York, The Macmillan company, 1926. (Institute of economics. Investigations in international economic reconstruction [no.7])

Rotterdam cotton association. Report... presented at the annual general meeting of the members held Nov. 23, 1926. Rotterdam, Printed by J. DeJong [1926]

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on appropriations. Appropriations, Department of commerce, 1928. Hearing... 69th Congress, 2d sess. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on appropriations. Appropriations, Department of justice, 1928. Hearings... 69th Congress, 2d sess. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on appropriations. Appropriations, Department of labor, 1928. Hearing... 69th Congress, 2d sess. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on appropriations. Appropriations, Department of state, 1928. Hearings... 69th Congress, 2d sess. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on appropriations. Interior department appropriation bill, 1928. Hearing... 69th Congress, 2d session. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on appropriations. War department appropriation bill, 1928... Hearings... 69th Congress, 2d session... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

19. IN CONGRESS:

- S. 4808, by Senator McNary, establishing a Federal farm board to aid in the orderly marketing and in the control and disposition of the surplus agricultural commodities, has been passed by the Senate.
- H. R. 9268, by Mr. Stevenson, to amend agricultural credits act of 1923, has been signed by the President of the United States.
- H. R. 15649, by Mr. Purnell, providing for the eradication or control of the European corn borer, has been signed by the President of the United States. An estimate of \$10,000,000 to be immediately available has been submitted to Congress for carrying out the purposes of the Act.
- S. 4974, by Senator Ransdell, to amend an act entitled "United States cotton futures act," approved August 11, 1916, as amended, passed the Senate.
- S. 5082, by Senator Norbeck, authorizing the appropriation of \$8,600,000 for the purchase of seed, feed, and fertilizer to be supplied to farmers in the crop-failure areas of the United States, and for other purposes, passed the Senate.
- H. R. 11768, by Mr. Taber, to regulate the importation of milk and cream into the United States for the purpose of promoting the dairy industry of the United States and protecting the public health, has passed both Houses.

NEW BILLS:

- S. 5640, by Senator Sheppard, enabling cooperative organization to deal with wholesale sellers on equal terms with all others.
- H. R. 17025, by Mr. Jones, to place agricultural products and provisions upon a price equality with other commodities.
- H. R. 17071, by Mr. Hill, to place the agricultural industry on a sound commercial basis, to encourage national cooperative marketing of farm products, and for other purposes.
- H. R. 17066, by Mr. Rainey, authorizing the appropriation of \$100,000 for the purchase of feed and seed corn to be supplied to farmers in the flood-stricken areas of the Illinois River Valley in Illinois.

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The man who rises to the occasion should know when to sit down.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

20. PROCEEDINGS of the International Congress for the Improvement of Country Life, held in Brussels, Belgium, July 19-21, 1926, printed in French with English translations, have just been received by Dr. C. J. Galpin, Bureau delegate to the conference. A summarization of the address presented by Dr. Galpin is included. Wm. A. Schoenfeld, then Agricultural Commissioner at Berlin, now with Cooperative Marketing at Boston, was the other representative of the Bureau. Asher Hobson, United States Delegate, International Institute of Agriculture, at Rome, Italy, and Miss Grace Frysinger, Extension Service, also represented the Department.

21. THE AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK REPORT for 1927, a 40-page publication, went through the press in 11 days and is now available as Mis. Cir. 101. Its short introductory statement as to the purpose of the outlook report and the table of contents constitute practically the only change from the mimeographed form.

22. TESTING WHEAT FOR PROTEIN is discussed by Dr. D. A. Coleman and H. B. Dixon in Dept. Bul. 1460, and a recommended method for making the test, devised by the authors, is described. During the last few years the protein content has become of increasing importance in determining the price paid for any particular grade of wheat so that the need for a standard method of making protein tests is felt. Recommendations are given for eliminating sources of error, so that concordant results between different laboratories can be obtained.

23. MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF LAND is gradually taking place as shown by the yield per acre of certain crops, according to Dept. Bul. 1458, just received. This bulletin of which B. O. Weitz is author, is designed to meet the awakening national interest in the soil-productivity problem. It looks back over 150 years and has some conclusions of strictly modern interest. The facts of the text are supported by many tables and charts.

24. BEAN GROWING in Idaho, Washington and Oregon is the subject of Farmers' Bulletin 1509 now off the press. In this bulletin Byron Hunter, Farm Management and Costs, has revised and brought up to date the material that formerly appeared in Farmer's Bulletins 561 and 907.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Tenny spoke at a luncheon Monday, given as part of the program of the Institute on Grades and Standards for Farm Products, at the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Richmond, Va. The program, running from Feb. 14 to 24, is given under the auspices of the Richmond Housewives League, in cooperation with various agricultural and civic agencies.

Rob R. Slocum, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, is also on the program of the Institute on Grades and Standards for Farm Products, Richmond, Virginia, and will deliver an address today.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Palmer because of the arrival February 10 of a daughter.

H. R. Tolley, Farm Management and Costs, has been made editor of the Journal of Farm Economics to succeed Dr. E. G. Nourse, Institute of Economics, of this city, who has been editor for the past two years. Preceding Dr. Nourse O. C. Stine, Statistical and Historical Research, served as editor.

H. S. Yohe, Warehouse Division, is delivering an address in Roanoke today at the annual meeting of the Cannery Association of Virginia. Before returning to Washington he will go to Knoxville, Tenn., to address the annual meeting of the Cannery Association of Tennessee; to Chicago, Ill., to confer with bankers relative to canned foods warehouse receipts for collateral purposes; to Madison, Wis., and other points in that State, for conferences with cannerymen who are interested in the warehouse Act; and to Columbus, Ohio, to confer with cannerymen and bankers. He is expected to return to the office about March 1.

Chris L. Christensen, Cooperative Marketing, went to Boston Monday night to confer with the dairy marketing group of the agricultural committee of the New England Research Council with respect to milk marketing problems, with special reference to cooperative organization. He will stop at Salisbury, Maryland, before returning, and discuss the subject of cooperative marketing as applied to the marketing of fruits and vegetables grown on the Eastern Shore before the Del-Mar-Va Agricultural Congress.

Word from Miss Bertha Henderson, Division of Land Economics, who has been having treatment at Garfield Hospital for the past ten days, encourages us to believe she has sufficiently recovered to be able to report for duty this week.

James I. Johnson, of the New York Cotton office, who came to Washington recently to confer with officials of the Cotton Division, left Feb. 7 for Columbia, S. C., where he is demonstrating the practical forms of the universal cotton standards before officials of the South Carolina State Warehouse Commission.

George O. Gatlin, Division of Cooperative Marketing, left last week for points in Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Georgia for the purpose of conferring with managers and officials of cooperative marketing associations regarding marketing problems and practices. He will be gone several weeks.

Russell S. Kifer, M.J.B. Ezekiel, and J. B. Hutson, Farm Management and Costs, left the first of the week for points in Virginia to assist in organizing a cooperative study of farm management problems on dairy farms in the vicinity of Richmond. Messrs. Ezekiel and Hutson will return after several days; Mr. Kifer, continuing the field work alone, will probably be away a month.

Thos D. Johnson, Farm Management and Costs, left the first of the month for Indianapolis, Ind., Portland, Oregon, and points in the State of Washington to collect data for the Division of Cooperative Marketing in connection with a study of the Northern Pacific prune industry. Mr. Johnson is not expected to return for two months.

E. R. Biddle will be transferred from the Philadelphia to the New York office, Fruit and Vegetable Division, February 21, to succeed W. H. Stanton.

W. C. Davis, Livestock, Meats and Wool, will go to Worcester, Mass., Feb. 16, to attend a meeting of a retail group of meat dealers and give an address. In returning, Mr. Davis will stop in New York City to confer with local representatives and members of the trade relative to market classes and grades of dressed meats and attend a dinner of the American Meat Packers.

We are sorry to report that Wm. H. Baker, Cooperative Marketing, sustained an injury to his arm when struck by an automobile Friday. The latest report from Garfield Hospital, where he was taken, indicates that his condition is favorable.

William W. Wheeler, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, is transferring from the Chicago office to the New York office, to handle the grading inspection of meat and meat food products in the place of Danl. A. Ford, who will go to Chicago.

S. A. Jones, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, was surprised with a birthday party recently, to which Mrs. Jones had invited 12 of the girls from Mr. Jones' section. The girls are most enthusiastic about the lovely dinner (turkey n'everything) and the enjoyable musical entertainment provided by the two accomplished daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Misses Bernice and Mildred.

S. T. Linnard, Head Clerk in the Philadelphia Joint Office, says that office is proud to report 5 marriages in its force during the present fiscal year. Mr. Linnard believes this constitutes a record for the field and asks to hear from other offices. It might be added that Mr. Linnard took "the venture" himself only a few months ago.

George Fischer, formerly in fruit and vegetable handling work, this Bureau, now Investment Banker with Bauer, Pond and Vivian, members of the New York Stock Exchange, was a visitor in the Bureau Saturday.

Prof. V. P. Timoshenko, from Prague, Czechoslovakia, has had desk space for the past 2 weeks in the Division of Statistical and Historical Research. Prof. Timoshenko came to this country to do special research work at Cornell University. He is particularly interested in world-wide production and trade in wheat. He is in Washington for the purpose of learning something of the work of the various branches of the Government departments.

John R. Currie, of the West of Scotland Agricultural College, Glasgow, Scotland, has been a recent visitor in the Bureau. Mr. Currie holds a fellowship from the Ministry of Agriculture, Scotland. He has been studying the Bureau's methods and types of work in research and the extension field, especially in farm management, with the view to introducing courses in those lines in his college. Prof. Currie came to this country for special research studies at Cornell University.

A. V. Swarthout, Division of Cooperative Marketing, left recently for Pacific Coast points, to be gone probably until April 1. His schedule includes an address at Newbury, Ore., on general principles of cooperative marketing and management before a class on cooperative marketing and management held under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College; addresses before similar classes in western Oregon, at a point not yet named, held by the Oregon Agricultural College, and at Tucson, Ariz., by the University of Arizona. Mr. Swarthout will confer with officials of the Bitter Root Cooperative Creamery Association at Stevensville, Mont., and officials of the Kalispell (Mont.) Farmers' Cooperative Association relative to a business analysis study of creameries; with officials of the Poultry Producers of Central California in connection with a business analysis study of that Association, San Francisco.

M.J.D. Ezekiel, Farm Management and Costs, attended the New England Outlook Conference at Boston, Feb. 8, arranged by the New England Marketing Research Council, and assisted in the re-working of the Bureau's Outlook Report to make it apply to New England conditions. Mr. Ezekiel spent the remainder of the week in Boston in connection with cooperative studies of the elasticity of the milk supply.

Mrs. Annie R. Cranford, Farm Management and Costs, will leave for Spearfish, S. D., today to supervise the clerical work in connection with an economic study of livestock production which is being conducted in the Northern Great Plains States.

F. F. Elliott, Farm Management and Costs, is absent on account of sickness.

O. M. Johnson, Division of Land Economics, who recently spent several days at his home in Lebanon, Ohio, on account of the illness of his mother, has returned to the office.

W. J. Kuhrt, Cooperative Marketing, left Sunday night for about a month's trip in the field. Feb. 17, he will address the annual meeting of the Farmers' Elevator Association of Minnesota, at Benson, relative to findings of our study of farmer elevator operations in the spring wheat area; Feb. 24, he will address the State convention of the Farmers' Grain Dealers Association, Inc., at Indianapolis, Ind.; he will also address one of the sessions of the Annual Convention of the Farmers' Grain Dealers Association of North Dakota, at Minot, to be held Mar. 1 to 3. Mr. Kuhrt will also go to Minneapolis and St. Paul to confer with wholesaler and retailers relative to our prune study and to Fargo, N. D., Bozeman, Mont., Aberdeen and Brookings, S. D., to confer with marketing officials.

W. F. Horst, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, Chicago, Ill., is being transferred to the Portland, Oregon, office to succeed Mr. Pow. W. D. Dover, of the Ft. Worth, Texas, office, will succeed Mr. Horst at Chicago.

Have you seen the new bulletin board which the Library has installed opposite the elevator on the third floor? It will bear watching.

THE B. A. E. NEWS.

ISSUED WEEKLY FOR THE STAFF OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Library,

Attn. Miss Trolinger,

February 23, 1927.

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1. JOINT OFFICE IN NEW YORK TO MOVE.

Negotiations have been completed for the removal of the Joint Office in New York City to the Dodge Building, 53 Park Place, from the present location at 102 Warren Street. The new quarters offer advantages not only in additional services to be furnished in the building, but in the accessibility of location. The Dodge Building is a strictly modern office building and will afford adequate facilities from every point of view. It is hoped that the move can be effected by May 1, the beginning of the new rental period in New York City, but that question has not yet been settled. Packers and Stockyards Administration are renting space adjoining ours, affording opportunity for cooperation with our various offices, which is very desirable.

F. J. Hughes left Saturday and John F. Barghausen will leave Tuesday for New York City. Mr. Hughes will take up personnel matters with our offices there and he and Mr. Barghausen will arrange for space assignments and the erection of partitions in the new building.

2. PAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE DELEGATES TO INSPECT STANDARDIZATION LABORATORIES.

Acting upon the suggestion made by George T. Willingmyre, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, when attending the preliminary conference held recently at the New York Board of Trade and Transportation for the purpose of organizing for the second Pan American Standardization Conference, it was generally agreed to arrange for the foreign delegates to visit and inspect the work conducted in the Bureau's standardization laboratories when the Pan American Conference is held in Washington in May. In the discussion following this suggestion it was the consensus of opinion that much more could be accomplished in demonstrating to delegates what had already been done by the Bureau in standardizing various agricultural products than would be possible by the presentation at that time of numerous papers on the subject. The meeting had opened with a general discussion of the merits of standardization, followed by Mr. Willingmyre's address in which he outlined briefly the Bureau's experience in establishing standards for agricultural products, emphasizing particularly the development and establishment of wool standards. He suggested that any work relating to standards that might be taken up with South America be conducted with the plan of introducing one quality factor at a time and establishing a standard for that factor, after which the other factors might be handled in the order of their importance. The plan was heartily endorsed by several important representatives of the trade.

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A loafer must feel funny when a holiday comes along.

3. LAND UTILIZATION STUDY IN PROCESS IN COLORADO.

A study of land utilization and the operation of Federal land policy in northwestern Colorado has been begun by the Division of Land Economics, in cooperation with the State Agricultural College of Colorado, under a cooperative agreement which has just been completed. The study is designed to develop information that will determine, for the territory covered, a land utilization program based upon a thorough survey of physical conditions, present methods of utilization, and economic factors, as railway rates, market opportunities, market requirements. The results of experiment with methodology of a land utilization study under Western conditions will be used to stimulate interest in similar lines of investigation in other States, and the further results of a study of the operation of Federal land policies (using northwestern Colorado as a typical area) will be utilized in a more comprehensive study under consideration.

E. J. Marschner will do some of the work in connection with map making in Washington and E. O. Wooten and B. O. Wietz will spend several months in the field collecting the necessary data for this project.

4. MR. VALGREN REPORTS FARMERS' INSURANCE MOVEMENT ALIVE.

V. N. Valgren, Agricultural Finance, returned last Thursday from attendance at the annual meetings of State associations of farmers' mutual fire insurance companies in Indianapolis, Indiana, Lansing, Michigan, Springfield, Illinois, and Columbus, Ohio. He reports that the farmers' mutual insurance movement in each of these States is very much alive. The meetings were well attended and much interest was shown by the delegates in problems of inspection and classification of farm risks for insurance purposes, and in the standardization of the forms and methods of operation of the companies. The need of standardization of forms and practices of farmers' mutuals was particularly stressed by Mr. Valgren in his addresses before the various meetings. Between meetings he gathered information on farmers' mutual automobile insurance which is now provided by one or more organizations in the States of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, and he reports a surprisingly rapid development in this relatively new field of insurance for farmers.

At Columbus Mr. Valgren also participated in the deliberations of the Committee on Farm Fire Protection of the National Fire Protection Association.

5. LEASE VOUCHERS MUST BE PROPERLY SIGNED.

Agreement of signature on rental vouchers with lessor's name in the lease is now imperative in view of a recent ruling of the Comptroller General on this matter. It is also important that all vouchers carry the payee's name in the same form in order that no difficulty may be encountered in tracing payments to the same concern.

6. KEEN APPRECIATION EXPRESSED
FOR LIVESTOCK REPORTS.

Rich compensation for the effort of circularizing semi-annually the mailing lists of the various reports released by 17 field offices of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, comes not alone in the aid it renders in the efficient and economic handling of the division's work, but the encouragement and morale strengthening resulting from unsolicited commendation for the service set forth in patrons' replies. A Utah bank states: "Please send us your market news service; better go without our meals than this news. We have our customers call in every day for reports on cattle, hogs and sheep." A California stock farmer states: "Would like to thank the department for these reports, as I consider them the best information obtainable and very valuable for the stockman." A rural mail carrier writes: "I am asking for these reports for the benefit of my patrons. A day never passes in which I am not asked from one to a half dozen times in regard to the market. My route extends through an agricultural and stock raising community." From an Iowa sheepman we have: "I sold my wool last winter at the high time, largely because I was kept informed on the wool market through these reports." These are just a few of the many expressions of appreciation received.

7. MIDWEEK EXTENSION CONFERENCES.

Mr. Tenny has received a letter from Dr. A. F. Woods, Director of Scientific Work, calling attention to the Midweek Conferences of the Extension forces, held every Wednesday at 11 o'clock in the Office of Cooperative Extension Work, 220 Fourteenth Street, S.W. He points out that these conferences have been held during the past 9 years for the purpose of familiarizing the Extension staff with the investigational work of the various branches of the department through closer contacts and more intimate acquaintance with the investigational personnel. Whenever it appears that the work of the Bureau can be promoted through these Midweek Conferences, he suggests that interested members of our staff attend. Announcements of the weekly program are sent the Division of Economic Information and an effort will be made to notify division leaders whenever topics are listed in which their division may be interested.

8. HAVE YOUR COLOR
VISION TESTED.

The Hay Feed and Seed Division has recently obtained the necessary apparatus for making both the Jennings and Stillings tests for color vision. Normal ability to determine various colors is highly essential in hay inspection work, and for some time the Hay, Feed and Seed Division has been requiring all prospective hay inspectors to take color tests before entering classes of instruction. They are now equipped to give these tests themselves and would be glad to give them to any one else in the Department in Washington who would like to determine whether or not their color vision is good. Any one desiring to take the test should apply to the Hay Feed and Seed Division in the Standardization Building.

9. FOREIGN SAVANT PRAISES
BUREAU'S BIBLIOGRAPHIES.

Prof. Fred Moore Clement, Dean of the faculty of the College of Agriculture, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, is using Agricultural Economics Bibliographies Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 14 in his course in agricultural economics. The letter asking for copies of the complete file of our bibliographies says in part:

"As the result of glancing over your Bibliography No. 18, I am impressed with the range and authority of the references that are given, which together constitute a practically complete statement of what is available and what has been published on the subject. We shall greatly appreciate the complete file of bibliographies . . . The subjects dealt with therein are now recognized as affecting, not merely the growers of agricultural products, but also the general economic field and the whole community."

Similar requests for the bibliographies have been received recently from England, Ireland, Australia, India and Java.

10. GREAT DEMAND FOR
MEAT GRADING SERVICE.

Demand for the Bureau's meat grading service has about exceeded the facilities of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division. The services rendered to the Shipping Board, steamship companies, wholesalers, retailers, railroad dining cars, hospitals, and others have fully absorbed the available time of meat graders and meat market reporters now employed in Washington and the field.

As stated in THE B.A.E. NEWS of February 8, the services of the graders at 6 market centers have been made available to the Veterans Bureau at times when the regularly established services permit. Special effort is being made to comply with the request of the Veterans Bureau for this service at approximately 52 hospitals. Meat grading will be extended as rapidly as possible, and the appointment in the near future by the Veterans Bureau and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics cooperatively of at least 2 additional graders, in sections remote from the market centers where the Bureau's representatives are now stationed, is receiving serious consideration.

11. MARKETING SPECIALIST (POULTRY
PRODUCTS) EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED.

The Civil Service has announced open competitive examinations for Marketing Specialist and Assistant Marketing Specialist (Poultry Products), salaries \$3,000 and \$2,400 per annum, respectively. Applications should be filed with the Commission not later than March 15, 1927. Competitors will be rated on education, training, and experience and must submit a thesis or discussion with applications. Graduation from a college or university of recognized standing will be required; and at least 4 years of responsible experience for the grade of Marketing Specialist, and at least 2 years of responsible experience for the grade of Assistant Marketing Specialist. Details concerning experience are set forth in announcements available in our Personnel Section.

12. "CLEAN-UP-DAY".

The Section of Mails and Files is able almost invariably to locate correspondence, and in very short order, but recently a rush call was made for a memorandum which could not be produced. Several days elapsed and the filing section had not located the paper. Upon questioning some of the employees, it was learned that the memorandum had been retained by one of them at the suggestion of the section chief, when written 6 months previously, with the understanding he would call for it later.

This experience suggests the possibility that other papers have been similarly put aside and forgotten, and the recommendation has been made and has the endorsement of the Business Manager, that every office have a "clean-up-day" for the purpose of locating any correspondence that should be in the files of the central filing unit. Correspondence should not be kept longer than is absolutely necessary. If it is necessary to retain it in a division for a brief period, a "tickler" reminder of its retention, on a desk calendar, may be made for a date not later than a week from that on which the correspondence was obtained.

13. IN CONGRESS:

S. 4808, the "McNary-Haugen bill" to establish a Federal farm board to aid in the orderly marketing and in the control and disposition of the surplus agricultural commodities, has been sent to the President.

S. 5082, by Senator Norbeck, authorizing an appropriation of \$8,600,000 for the purchase of seed, feed, and fertilizer to be supplied to farmers in the crop-failure areas of the United States, has been reported out of the House Committee without amendment.

H.R. 10510, by Mr. Hare, to prevent the destruction or dumping without good cause of farm produce by commission merchants and to require them to account for all farm produce has been reported out of the Senate Committee without amendments.

H.R. 2, by Mr. McFadden, to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the consolidation of national banking associations***", has passed both Houses and has been sent to the President.

H.R. 9971, by Mr. White, for the regulation of radio communication. The conference report has been agreed to by both Houses.

H.R. 11768, by Mr. Taber, to regulate the importation of milk and cream into the United States for the purpose of promoting the dairy industry of the United States and protecting the public health, has been signed by the President.

H.R. 17134, by Mr. Rankin, authorizing an appropriation of \$100,000 for the purchase of feed and seed to be supplied to farmers in the flood-stricken areas of the Tombigbee River Valley in Mississippi and Alabama.

H.R. 17200, by Mr. Hudspeth, to prevent gambling in cotton futures and making it unlawful for any person, corporation, or associations of persons to sell any contract for future delivery of any cotton within the United States, unless such seller is actually the legitimate owner of the cotton so contracted for future delivery at the time said sale or contract of sale is made.

S.J. Res. 165, by Senator Copeland, authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to regulate radio broadcasting stations, and for other purposes.

S. Res. 356, by Senator Nye, Resolved, that the Secretary of Agriculture be requested to inform the Senate the chief causes, for the reduction in the value of exports of farm products, in crude and finished form, what measures the Department of Agriculture is using to stimulate foreign consumption of American farm products ****.

H.Con.Res. 54, by Mr. McSwain, concurrent resolution creating a special joint committee to investigate and report to Congress what amendments, if any, are desirable to be made to the cotton futures contract law, regulating cotton exchanges, and the effect of same on cotton prices.

H.Res. 417, by Mr. Rankin, directing the Federal trade commission to make an inquiry into cottonseed products, and for other purposes.

H.R. 15539, by Mr. Jones, relating to certain cotton reports of the Secretary of Agriculture, has been reported out of the Senate Committee with amendments.

H.J. Res. 359, Making an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the eradication of the corn borer, has passed both Houses and has been sent to the President.

New Bills:

S. 5696, by Senator Frazier, to amend the United States grain standards act.

S. 5747, by Senator Ransdell, to standardize bales of cotton intended for use in interstate commerce.

H.R. 17112, by Mr. McKeown, authorizing an appropriation of \$300,000 for the purchase of cotton-seed, kaffir seed, milo maize seed, and seed grain, to be supplied to farmers in the pest and flood-stricken areas of the State of Oklahoma.

14. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending February 18 are:

Canadian grain trade year book, 1925/26... v.6. By W. Sanford Evans statistical service. Winnipeg, Dawson Richardson publications, limited [1926]

Cotton yearbook. Ed. 1926. Statistical compilations, growth of cotton in the United States... [New Orleans, C. B. Griffith, 1926]

Fairford, Ford. Fruit and the fruit trade... London, New York, [etc.] Sir I. Pitman & sons, ltd., 1926.

Howard, Bartels & co. Statistical information relating to stocks, cotton, grain, provisions, live stock and seeds... Chicago, Howard, Bartels & co., 1926.

Manchester guardian commercial. American cotton annual review, 1926. [Manchester, 1926]

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on agriculture. Cotton futures act. Hearings... 69th Congress, 2d sess. on H. R. 16470... Jan. 25, 1927. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on agriculture. Relief of farmers in crop-failure areas. Hearings... 69th Cong., 2d sess. on H. R. 15973 Jan. 17 and 18, 1927. Serial V. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on agriculture and forestry. Semi-monthly cotton crop and ginning reports. Hearings... 69th Cong., 2d. sess. on H. R. 11422... Jan. 11, 1927... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

U. S. Federal trade commission. Report... on the grain trade. v.7. Effects of future trading, June 25, 1926. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on appropriations. Independent offices appropriation bill, 1928. Hearing... 69th Congress, 2d session. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

15. SUPREME COURT CONSIDERS
EXCESS WOOL PROFITS CASE.

The Supreme Court issued an order February 21 calling for the record in an excess wool profits case. This will finally determine the validity of the 1918 wool regulations and the right of the Government to collect the excess profits. Nearly \$700,000 remains to be collected.

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16. THE HANDBOOK OF UNITED STATES GRADES FOR MILLED RICE, as revised and as effective on February 1, has come from the press. This handbook is pocket sized and is especially useful to the inspectors. It was compiled by E. G. Boerner, W. D. Smith and R. M. Gehl. A similar handbook for rough rice will soon come from the printing office.
17. STATISTICS OF HOGS, PORK, AND PORK PRODUCTS for the year ended December 31, 1925, with comparable data for earlier years, are presented in Statistical Bulletin No. 18, now available. The bulletin has 206 pages of closely printed statistics, including a few introductory pages of text. It was prepared by Mrs. Florence C. Fitch, under the direction of Lewis B. Flohr.
18. CROP REPORT REGULATIONS together with the dates on which reports will be issued this year are now available in printed form in Mis. Cir. 96. This leaflet contains extracts from more of the laws relating to the collection and issuance of crop and livestock reports than heretofore.
19. THE YEAR IN AGRICULTURE, the statement and analysis by the Secretary of Agriculture that appeared in the last Yearbook, has been issued as Yearbook Separate 928.
20. The following are now available in mimeograph form in the Division of Economic Information:

THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF THE SHEEP INDUSTRY, an address by C. E. Gibbons, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, before the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the California Wool Growers Association, San Francisco, Cal., November 6, 1926.

WORLD PRODUCTION VS. AMERICAN PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, an address by O. C. Stine, Statistical and Historical Research, read at the Eighth Annual Meeting of the National Association of Marketing Officials in Chicago, November 29, 1926.

REPORT OF MARKETING LIVESTOCK MEATS AND WOOL DIVISION, FISCAL YEAR 1926.

AN ABSTRACT OF LITERATURE AND STATISTICS ON DRESSING PERCENTAGES OF MEAT ANIMALS, compiled by E. M. Heffner and E. M. Jordan, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division.

ACTIVITIES OF COOPERATIVE EGG AND POULTRY MARKETING ASSOCIATIONS, 1925, by R. H. Elsworth, Division of Cooperative Marketing; data collected and compiled by Blanche E. Montgomery and Mary H. Buckley.

MARKETING LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY TEXAS CABBAGE, SEASON OF 1926, a summary by J. D. Evers, formerly of the Fruit and Vegetable Division.

MARKETING ALABAMA POTATOES, SEASON OF 1926, a summary by H. E. Rutland, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

MARKETING FLORIDA CITRUS, SEASON 1925-26, a summary by R. H. Lamb, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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Here and There in the Bureau.

William H. Gray and John T. Wigington, of the Clemson College, S. C., cotton office, are attending the meeting of the Southern Textile Association at Charlotte, N. C. today.

H. J. Besley, Grain Division, left Thursday for Chicago for the purpose of attending the meeting of the division supervisors meeting in that city, which began the latter part of last week and extended over the early part of this week.

W. G. Lensen, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Chicago, Ill., is being transferred to Philadelphia, Pa., to take charge of the work of the division in that city.

K. B. Gardner and J. H. Lister, of Cooperative Marketing, will leave early this week for St. Louis, Mo., and East St. Louis, Ill., for the purpose of conferring with livestock officials and securing data in connection with the business study of the Producers' Livestock Commission Association. They will be in the field about 2 months.

E. W. Stillwell, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is supervising the market news service at Sanford and Jacksonville, Fla., Atlanta, Ga., Aiken, S. C., and Raleigh, N. C., this week, and consulting with State officials in those cities concerning this work. He has been on leave in Florida for the past two weeks and resumed official work at Orlando. He will be back in Washington about March 1.

With sincere regret we report it has been found necessary to place Charles L. Raum, Statistical and Historical Research, in the sanitarium at 14th and Upshur Streets for treatment. Mr. Raum has been ill only a week.

Joseph M. Byrnes, of the Houston cotton office, who spent 10 days in the Washington office recently, left Friday for Norfolk, Va., Raleigh, N. C., Columbia, S. C., Atlanta, Ga., and Montgomery, Ala., for the purpose of purchasing cotton to be used in the preparation of universal cotton standards.

D. L. James, Dairy and Poultry Division, returned Monday from attendance at several meetings in the field, which consumed a period of about 10 days. At St. Louis, Mo., he met with officials and members of the St. Louis Milk Producers' Association and discussed various details of a plan for cooperative milk marketing. At Columbia, Mo., he made two addresses before a meeting of officials of cooperative marketing associations held at the Missouri State Agricultural College, his subjects being "Merchandising Missouri Poultry Products" and "Possibilities of Cooperative Creameries in Missouri." He reports that about 150 were in attendance at the latter meeting. At Wichita, Kans., he met with directors of the Wichita Milk Producers' Association and advised with them relative to necessary changes to be made in their plan of marketing milk cooperatively.

Frank Reed, Cotton Division, returned to his desk Monday after several days' leave on account of sickness.

Miss Flossie White, Machine Tabulating Section, is being transferred to the Spokane Office of Crop and Livestock Estimates, effective March 1.

Mrs. Louis D. Robbin was the happy recipient last week of a waffle iron, presented as a wedding gift by members of the Personnel Section. The presentation was the occasion of attractive floral decorations in the form of a bridal arch over Mrs. Robbin's desk.

B. E. Shaffer, of the Grades and Standards Project, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is resigning to take a position March 1 with the State Division of Markets, Richmond, Va. He will handle inspections of fruits and vegetables for the State of Virginia. We wish Mr. Shaffer happiness and success in his new work.

Samuel A. Jones, Crop and Livestock Estimates, left the latter part of last week for the inspection of the division's field offices and records in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado, and to make plans for the season's work.

A revised Bureau Stock List, correcting the Stock List issued January 10, 1924, is being mimeographed and will be furnished head clerks in Washington and all branch offices within a few days.

G. T. Willingmyre, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, went to Columbus, Ohio, Monday to attend the sessions of the annual meeting of the Ohio Wool Growers Cooperative Association February 22 and 23 and deliver an address on the establishment and present status of the official wool standards in the United States.

Sympathy is extended to L. B. Durk, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, for the loss of his mother last week.

The personnel of the Division of Economic Information enjoyed a delightful Valentine party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marquis February 14.

L. S. Hulbert, Cooperative Marketing, has gone to Chicago to consult with officials of the National Livestock Producers' Association regarding legal problems involved in the formation of 2 livestock cooperative associations. Upon completion of these interviews he will go to Columbus, Ohio, to confer with officials of the Eastern States Company regarding legal problems of a reorganization and expansion program of this cooperative company.

The theft from a correspondent at Kent, Ohio, of reports furnished him of spinning tests conducted by the Cotton Division, indicates more than usual interest in Government documents.

Katharine I. E. Hicks, formerly of the Division of Land Economics, was transferred to the editorial branch of the Office of Experiment Stations on February 16. Miss Hicks had been associated with Land Economics for several years gaining experience of an editorial nature which qualified her for the higher grade position she is now assuming.

Heard in the hallway: J. C. Gilbert to A. W. Palmer - "How's everything; how's every 'little thing'?" A. W. P. to J. C. G.: "Fine, thank you." "The little thing will be called Mary Lee."

E. G. Boerner, Grain Division, left Sunday for points in Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota, Missouri, and Louisiana, where he will confer with field officials of the Federal grain supervision offices and members of the grain trade relative to matters pertaining to grain inspection and the proposed revision of the official grain grades. He will be gone about 2 weeks.

W. C. Davis, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, spent Monday in Oteen, N. C., inspecting meats and meat food products for grade and quality at one of the hospitals of the Veterans Bureau.

E. C. Shoup, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will attend a meeting February 24, of county agents, farmers, bankers, and other business men interested in tobacco, called by the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, at Lynchburg, Virginia. He will discuss the foreign market phases of the Virginia dark leaf tobacco situation.

John H. Cox, Grain Division, is studying methods in determining dockage in wheat and rye, and making observations of the machinery used in elevators and mills in Chicago, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis., Minneapolis and Duluth, Minn., and St. Louis, Mo. He left February 18 and is expected to be away 10 days.

Ted C. Albright, Cotton Division, is spending a couple of weeks in New York assisting the Board of Cotton Examiners in the handling of cotton samples and other miscellaneous work incident to the classification and certification of cotton tendered for delivery on future contracts on the New York Cotton Exchange.

R. G. Hill, Fruit and Vegetable Division, spent several days in New York City last week assisting with peanut inspections.

C. G. Randell, Cooperative Marketing, will address the meeting of the Ohio Cooperative Livestock Association and the Ohio Wool Growers Cooperative Association, Columbus, Ohio, February 22, on the subject of "What Cooperative Marketing Means to the American Farmer." He is also scheduled to address the annual meeting of the Illinois Farmers' Institute, to be held February 23-25 at Kankakee, Ill., and present the activities of the Division of Cooperative Marketing.

R. R. Pailthorp, Fruit and Vegetable Division, will address the meeting of the Delaware Fruit Growers, at Camden, Delaware, March 1, discussing the possibilities of the European market for apples and the requirements for such a market.

R. H. Elsworth, Cooperative Marketing, who has been getting such suggestions as may be helpful in the work of revising Department Bulletin #1302, "Development and Present Status of Farmers' Business Organizations", in the States of Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Missouri, returned to the office February 21.

Among the distinguished visitors in the Bureau last week were Dr. Thomas Nixon Carver, of Harvard University; H. A. Wallace, Editor of Wallace's Farmer; and Sir M. Visvesvaraya, formerly Prime Minister of the Province of Mysore, British India, now studying agricultural economic questions in this country.

J. E. Barr, Hay, Feed and Seed Division, has gone to Hampton Roads, Va., Philadelphia, Pa., and New York City, to make bean inspections for the Navy Department.

Rob R. Slocum, Dairy and Poultry Division, will address the Department of Poultry Husbandry, Cornell University, March 1, on "Live and Dressed Poultry Receiving in New York City", and on March 2 conduct a laboratory demonstration of grading eggs according to U. S. standards.

A. W. McKay, Cooperative Marketing, went to Toronto, Canada, last Thursday, to confer with honey producers' associations in regard to the marketing of honey. He will also go to Laramie, Wyo., to confer with marketing officials regarding a plan of organization for the marketing of honey in the mountain States; to Los Angeles, Cal., and Chicago, Ill., to consult marketing officials and officials of honey marketing associations relative to the marketing of this product; and to Tucson, Ariz., to consult marketing officials and officials of fruit and vegetable and poultry associations regarding the marketing of these products. Mr. McKay will return about the middle of March.

Whitney Coombs, Agricultural Finance, left Friday for an official trip through most of the Southern States to confer with representatives of State colleges of agriculture, State tax officials and others on matters of taxation. In Texas and Oklahoma he will assist in tax studies that are being made by State colleges of agriculture in cooperation with the Bureau. He expects to be in the field about four weeks.

Mrs. Jessie B. Stewart, Junior Clerk, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, has been transferred to the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Virginia K. Patterson.

In continuation of the fluid milk marketing study which Hutzel Metzger, Cooperative Marketing, is making, he left for Boston, Mass., Burlington, Vt., Hartford, Conn., and New York City to collect additional data in that territory. He is expected to return in about ten days.

C. G. Randall, Cooperative Marketing, addressed the annual meeting of the Ohio Cooperative Livestock Association on livestock marketing work in Columbus, Ohio, February 22. Before returning to the office he will also go to Kankakee, Ill., and address the Thirty-second Annual State Meeting of the Illinois Farmers' Institute on "The Cooperative Movement from a National Standpoint"; interview officials of the Missouri Farmers' Association and the Producers Commissioners Association at St. Louis, Mo.; and make a study of direct shipping and selling to packers at Des Moines, Ia., and Chicago, Ill. He will be gone about 2 weeks.

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LIVESTOCK AND MEAT GRADE STANDARDS MEETINGS BEING HELD.

A series of three livestock and meat standardization conferences are being held this week at Atlantic Coast points by the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, at Philadelphia, Pa., March 1, Boston, Mass., March 2, and New York City, March 3. Tentative grade standards will be presented at each of these conferences for discussion and criticism. The morning sessions, convening at 10 a.m., will be devoted to a consideration of grade standards for live sheep and lambs and dressed lamb and mutton, the afternoon sessions, convening at 2 o'clock, to live vealers and calves and their dressed carcasses. A number of invitations have been sent to wholesale and retail meat dealers, packers, State marketing officials, and animal husbandrymen in various eastern universities, and a large attendance is expected.

Mr. Kitchen will represent the Chief's office and will be accompanied by Messrs. Whelin, Davis, Burke and Gibbons.

BUREAU STUDIES APPLE INDUSTRY IN U. S.

A meeting was called by Mr. Tenny February 17, shortly after the return of M. R. Cooper, Farm Management and Costs, from important western and mid-western apple producing States. The discussion took up pertinent questions which had arisen in connection with an economic study of the apple industry in the United States and phases of the work were assigned to certain divisions.

The purpose is to provide a basis upon which apple producers may make plans for the future constructive development of the industry. This involves: (1) an analysis of the markets for apples; (2) demand and practice for definite varieties; (3) competition between varieties and regions; (4) probable shift in the sources of supplies for definite markets; (5) careful inventory of the present status, recent trend, and probable future development in each of the important commercial producing areas; and (6) other related problems.

The divisions of the Bureau which will cooperate in the study in conjunction with the agricultural colleges and experiment stations in the States involved are Crop and Livestock Estimates, represented by W. F. Callander, Joseph A. Becker, John B. Shepherd, and Charles F. Sarle; Statistical and Historical Research, by O. C. Stine and R. F. Hale; Fruit and Vegetables, by Edwin Smith, R. R. Pailthorp, J. W. Park, and Harold A. Spilman; Cooperative Marketing, by Kelsey B. Gardner; and Farm Management and Costs by M. R. Cooper, W. H. Youngman, and C. R. Swinson. Mr. Cooper was designated Executive Secretary to work with the committees.

REDUCED DARK TOBACCO ACREAGE
RECOMMENDED AT VIRGINIA MEETING.

At the meeting of farmers, merchants, bankers and demonstration agents in Lynchburg, Va., February 25, attended by E. C. Shoup, Statistical and Historical Research, the ills of the dark leaf tobacco industry were presented in detail and remedial measures earnestly discussed. About 250 were present, representing the 14 counties of the Virginia dark tobacco belt.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the rural relations committee of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, and the facts under consideration as to the present situation and future outlook for the tobacco industry were largely those supplied by this Bureau. Mr. Shoup pointed out that exports of Virginia dark tobacco declined from 48 million pounds in 1923 to slightly more than 18 million pounds in 1926, while at the same time there had been an increase of over 100 million pounds in the quantity of bright leaf tobacco exported from the United States. He spoke also of the increase in British colonial production of tobacco, particularly dark types, from slightly under 13 million pounds in 1923 to 30 million pounds in 1926. He summed up by saying that little if any increase in demand can be expected while production in foreign countries continues to increase.

Among the recommendations made by the Chamber of Commerce committee at the close of the meeting were reduction in acreage, improvement in quality of tobacco grown, and the fullest possible use of the Extension Service in seeking means of utilizing in other ways abandoned tobacco acreage.

Several references at the morning session of the meeting to the value of the cooperative principle in marketing tobacco led to an impromptu meeting of farmers in the afternoon to discuss the question of organizing a new association.

An informal committee was formed, representing each of the counties, with plans to call meetings in the various counties to ascertain the sentiment of farmers.

COTTON DIVISION IS ON
TOES TWO SUCCESSIVE MONTHS.

During the months of December, 1926, and January, 1927, a total of 155,304 bales of cotton were classified and certified by the Boards of Cotton Examiners at New York, New Orleans, and Houston, 89,740 bales in December and 65,564 in January. Up to December 31, 1926, over 2,000,000 bales of cotton had been classified and certified since the classification work started in March, 1919.

The Appeal Board of Review Examiners in Washington, of which E. G. Parker is Chairman and Frank Reed, Secretary, experienced a very busy month during January, when approximately 10,000 samples of cotton were sent to Washington for review by the Appeal Board.

FARM POPULATION AND RURAL
LIFE ISSUES QUARTERLY REVIEW.

"Farm Population and Rural Life Activities" is the name of a new quarterly review prepared in the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, the first number being issued as of March 1. It is intended to be a review of the current research of the division in cooperation with various agencies and institutions. The new quarterly will go to cooperating staff members and field workers in the different States. Dr. Galpin, in a preface to the first number, writes as follows:

"The so-called Furnell Act of Congress bids fair to be the most important aid to rural life in this generation. The reason is not far to seek. Notice the terms of the Act: 'The funds . . . shall be applied to . . . necessary expenses of . . . such sociological investigations as have for their purpose the development and improvement of the rural home and rural life. Sociological investigations, under the auspices of the State Agricultural Experiment Stations having thus been made legitimate by the Act are given scientific standing in the most powerful agency for progress American agriculture employs. All rural sociologists - even those not teaching in land-grant colleges - will profit eventually by the Furnell Act. It is this inter-relatedness of the work of all sociologists of rural life that prompts the putting out of this quarterly mimeograph to present and future sociological research cooperators. . . . 'The improvement of the rural home and rural life', to use the words of the Furnell Act, is nothing less than a lofty national aim, in fact, well-nigh a great national cause or struggle, which has come to take its place alongside other historic American struggles."

HAY INSPECTORS TRAINING
SCHOOL OPENED IN TEXAS.

The Hay, Feed and Seed Division opened a school for training hay inspectors at Fort Bliss, Texas, on February 28. Indications are that this will be the largest school ever held for this purpose. Inspectors will be trained for Houston, Texas, and for shipping territory around Artesia, New Mexico, and on the Elephant Butte Project. Three representatives will be present from the Arizona Extension Service, 2 of whom are county agents, and there will be several representatives of the New Mexico Extension Service present and 1 from the Texas College, together with from 12 to 15 army officers who desire to take the work.

The War Department is cooperating with the Bureau in this school in furnishing the place to hold it and a considerable amount of the hay, as well as the services of Lt. L. R. Bower, of Fort Sam Houston, as an instructor, who has been a licensed hay inspector for several years. The school will be under the general charge of E. O. Pollock, Hay Supervisor at Kansas City.

COOPERATION EXTENDED IN COL- LECTION OF DAIRY STATISTICS.

With the view to eliminating duplication in the collection and dissemination of statistics on dairy products, the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products sent out letters late last year to State Commissioners of Agriculture and State Agricultural Statisticians, in States that were not already cooperating, suggesting the practicability of cooperation in this work. Most States have legal authority to collect data on these commodities periodically; the Bureau of the Census also collects similar data every two years. These two sets of statistics supplement those of the Bureau, which are on a quarterly basis. Obviously the variation in methods of collecting production figures results in some discrepancies, and one of the primary purposes of the proposed cooperation is to eliminate discrepancies, particularly those between the statistics compiled by the States and those by this Bureau.

Our letters, pointing out the saving to be accomplished by the establishment of cooperative relations with State departments, the fact that more complete information will be made available by such an arrangement, and the desirability of having State and Federal figures agree, met with hearty response from a number of States having agencies for the collection of this material. Before the recent effort was made, the Bureau had cooperative agreements with New York, Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, and Iowa; since then similar agreements have been entered into with the States of Utah, Virginia, Indiana, and Nebraska. It is expected that agreements will soon be completed with the States of Missouri and Montana, which have already indicated their desire to cooperate. Of the remaining States, some are relatively unimportant from the standpoint of dairy production, and for that reason no machinery has been developed within the State for compiling such statistics. No definite arrangements have been completed with some of the remaining important dairy States because of recent changes in State administration or personnel, and in some cases because it has not been possible as yet to make certain changes in present methods of collecting State statistics which are necessary before the proposed plan of cooperation can be put into effect.

COOPERATIVE WOOL MARKETING PROGRAM IS EXTENDED.

A plan of the Division of Cooperative Marketing to develop its research program to make a nation-wide survey of the cooperative marketing of wool is the outcome of the recent wool conference held with representatives of 30 of the leading wool cooperative organizations of the country. This enlarged program will include the collection and analysis of data on the organization and operation methods of wool cooperative associations over the country, a study of membership problems, studies to measure the benefits of cooperative marketing of wool, and of the demand for different types and qualities of wool. The delegates to the conference asked that the Bureau furnish the fullest information obtainable on the domestic and world situation of wool, promotion of the United States wool grades, and the extension of market information.

PRICE STUDY BEING
MADE IN VIRGINIA.

A study of prices in relation to farm production in Virginia is the purpose of a project which has just been undertaken cooperatively by the Bureau, through the Division of Statistical and Historical Research and Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, with the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station. Data will be collected relative to prices farmers have received for their products, paid for articles used in production, and wages paid for labor, since 1880 or earlier, to determine the relation between prices and the production of agricultural products in Virginia. It is proposed to locate and tabulate price and wage data from records kept by farmers, elevator operators, grain and livestock dealers, country store merchants, and others; construct comparable series and index numbers of wages, of prices of products, and of articles farmers buy; and determine the effect of production upon prices and also the effect of wages, prices paid for articles used in production and received by farmers upon planting and breeding operations, as indicated by agricultural censuses and crop and livestock estimates. Arthur G. Peterson was appointed February 16 to carry out the project in the field. He is located at Blacksburg, Va., working with J. J. Vernon of the Agricultural Experiment Station under the direction of O. C. Stine and J. F. Sarle.

MR. PURVES DISCUSSES
PRICES FARMERS PAY.

At a meeting in the Chief's office Saturday, Clarence M. Purves, Statistical and Historical Research, presented his studies of the index prices farmers pay for the things they buy and discussed the various aspects of the question with division leaders and others. Mr. Tenny stated that he would call meetings of division leaders, something like the former Bureau Councils, whenever there was an outstanding need for presentation of a subject and there were people in town who should be heard.

JUNIOR CROP AND LIVE-
STOCK ESTIMATOR EXAMINATION.

The Civil Service Commission is receiving applications for an open competitive examination for Junior Crop and Livestock Estimator, to fill vacancies in Washington or the field, until March 26. The date of assembling of competitors will be stated on their admission cards, and will be about 10 days after the close of receipt of applications. The entrance salary for this position is \$1860 a year, advancement after the 6 months' probationary period depending upon individual efficiency, increased usefulness, and the occurrence of vacancies in higher positions. Competitors will be rated on the subjects of statistical calculations and methods and general agriculture. More detailed information concerning this examination is contained in the announcement, copies of which may be obtained from the Personnel Section.

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The difficult task of today is the humdrum routine of tomorrow.
Thus do we progress to better things.

IN CONGRESS:

- S. 5082, by Senator Norbeck, authorizing an appropriation of \$8,600,000 for the purchase of seed, feed, and fertilizer to be supplied to farmers in the crop-failure areas of the United States, has been signed by the President.
- S. 4974, by Senator Ransdell, to amend an act entitled, "United States Cotton futures act," approved August 11, 1916, as amended, has passed both Houses and sent to the President.
- S. 4746, by Senator Mayfield, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish statistics of the grade and staple length of cotton, has been reported out of the House Committee with amendment.
- S. 4808, the "McNary-Haugen bill" to establish a Federal farm board to aid in the orderly marketing and in the control and disposition of the surplus agricultural commodities, has been vetoed by the President.
- H.R.2, by Mr. McFadden, to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the consolidation of national banking associations***, has been signed by the President.
- H.R. 9971, by Mr. White, for the regulation of radio communication, has been signed by the President.
- S. Res. 356, by Senator Nye, Resolved, that the Secretary of Agriculture be requested to inform the Senate the chief causes, for the reduction in the value of exports of farm products, in crude and finished form; what measures the Department of Agriculture is using to stimulate foreign consumption of American farm products***, has been agreed to by the Senate.
- H.R. 16350, To provide for the collection and publication of statistics of tobacco by the Department of Agriculture, has been reported out of the House Committee.

New Bills:

- S. 5799, by Senator Ransdell, to regulate interstate shipments of cotton.
- S. 5817, by Senator Shipstead, to repeal the United States grain standards act.
- H.R. 17247, by Mr. Jones, to place agricultural products upon a price equality with other commodities.
- H.R. 17272, by Mr. Edwards, authorizing an appropriation of \$250,000 with which to acquire sea island cottonseed and to re-establish the growing thereof.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending February 25 are:

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United grain growers, limited. Annual report, 1925/26. [Winnipeg, 1926]

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U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on agriculture and forestry. Loan for seed and seed grain. Hearing... 69th Cong., 2d sess. on S. 5082... Jan. 8, 1927... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

In mimeograph form:

PRACTICES AND COSTS OF COTTON GIN OPERATION IN A SELECTED SECTION OF NORTH CAROLINA, 1924-25, by James S. Hatchcock, Division of Cooperative Marketing.

PRODUCTION AND CARRY-OVER OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONTAINERS, 1926, compiled by Beaulah L. Chamberlain, Fruit and Vegetable Division, under the direction of H. A. Spilman.

A SUMMARY OF THE 1927 AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK REPORT.

VARIATIONS IN ASPARAGUS CRATES (MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES):

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

C. W. Kitchen left Monday night to attend the livestock and meat grade hearings in Philadelphia, Boston, and New York. He will return Friday.

H. R. Tolley, Farm Management and Costs, will address the Delaware Farmers' Institute, at Camden, N. J., March 3, on the agricultural outlook for 1927 with particular reference to fruit and poultry. R. R. Pailthorp, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is on the program today for an address on the apple export problem.

Charles V. Whalin, Livestock, Meats and Wool, addressed the 14th Annual Convention of the Kansas Livestock Association, at Wichita, Kansas. At the close of the convention he went to Kansas City, Mo., and Chicago, Ill., to confer with members of the trade and local representatives relative to the standardization of livestock and meats.

L. H. Bean, Statistical and Historical Research, Columbus, Ohio, left Sunday for Columbus, Ohio, to consult with members of the faculty of the Ohio State University in relation to the study of farm income and index numbers which the college is making. This will relate to and be of value in agricultural income studies being conducted in the Division of Statistical and Historical research. He expects to return in about a week.

E. G. Parker, Cotton Division, went to Dublin, Ga., last week to consult with the County Demonstration Agent regarding a proposed cotton marketing plan. He will also visit cotton offices at Savannah, Ga., New Orleans, La., Houston and Galveston, Texas, before returning to Washington, probably, March 7.

Herbert L. Geer, Fruit and Vegetable Division, has been transferred from New York City to Cleveland, Ohio, to assist in inspection work. Walter A. Hilgeson, of that division, has been transferred from Chicago, Ill., to Detroit, Mich., on inspection work.

Robert W. Webb, Associate Cotton Technologist, will be transferred from the Bureau of Plant Industry, effective May 11, to assist with the work in the Cotton Division.

G. T. Willingmyre, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, will attend the spring meeting of Committee D-13 of the American Society for Testing Materials, of which he is a member, to be held March 11 and 12 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass.

H. A. Nelson, in charge of the Central Supply Office for the Department, advises that a limited reprint of the Department Stock List is available and additional copies may be secured upon request.

Vivian M. Dehenna reported for service in the Division of Statistical and Historical Research February 24, assuming the duties formerly performed by Miss Magdalene H. Burger.

M. A. Crosby and R. D. Jennings, Farm Management and Costs, left Saturday for Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi where they will interview officials of State Agricultural Colleges and Agricultural Experiment Stations, and others, regarding the completion of reports covering a study of methods of management and the organization under which livestock may be included in systems of farming in the Coastal Plains region.

B. B. Derrick, Cooperative Marketing, is collecting data relating to a study of the direct shipping and selling of livestock, with special reference to the cooperative method of marketing, in Chicago, Ill., and Des Moines, Ia. He left Saturday and will be gone about 2 weeks.

H. F. Fitts moved into room 707 of the Division of Economic Information last Friday, where he will devote his entire time to legislative matters, particularly the assembling of Federal and State marketing legislation, as outlined in the B.A.E. NEWS of January 18. The administrative duties which he has performed will be redistributed in the Office of the Chief.

Mrs. Ruth Holland, Machine Tabulating Section, has been absent from the office for a couple of weeks on account of illness. Mrs. Jean Hastings is a new appointee in that section.

Edward A. Foley reports the following as recent visitors in the London office: L. Langstroth, California Almond Growers Exchange; R. J. McIsaac, President, Apple Growers Association, Hood River, Ore.; Dr. O. S. Morgan, Columbia University, New York.

William I. Holt, Cotton Division, returned to London February 14 after investigating the methods of baling cotton in Egypt, which he states are very superior to those employed in the United States.

Through the courtesy of the Packers and Stockyards Administration Miss Camilla Munk will report the livestock and meat grade hearings at Philadelphia, Boston, and New York.

F. G. Robb, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is on the program to address the annual meeting of the Middle Atlantic States Market Officials at Wilmington, Delaware, on March 15, on the subject of "Shipping Point Inspection, How Administered, How Financed, and Plan of Cooperation."

Rob R. Slocum and F. A. Buechel, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, were in New York City last week attending conferences with the poultry trade with further reference to possible changes in our present methods of buying and selling live poultry in the New York markets. Subjects of special interest that were discussed were terminals, trade practices, grades, and standards.

Byron Hunter, Farm Management and Costs, who has been in Texas assisting the State College of New Mexico in an economic survey of the Elephant Butte Irrigation Project, completed his work there, since which time he has been visiting the State Colleges of California and Nevada, conferring with officials regarding cooperative farm management investigations. He will return to Washington the latter part of this week.

Miss Mary E. Shanahan, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, will be retired effective March 10, with the unusual record of not only continuous service of nearly 40 years in the Department but in the same unit of organization. In token of their esteem, Miss Shanahan's co-workers presented her with a handsome white gold wrist watch. It is the earnest wish of her Bureau friends that every day of this rest period will be a happy one.

James Buckley is an addition to the force of the Personnel Section, having reported, February 23.

Benjamin H. Hunnicutt, Dean of the Lavras Agricultural College, Minas, Brazil, was a visitor in the Bureau Friday. Mr. Hunnicutt, who is on a year's leave of absence in this country, is interested in methods employed by cooperative organizations in marketing farm products, particularly coffee.

M. J. B. Ezekiel, Farm Management and Costs, is attending a series of conferences this week at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., and taking part in discussions of the national outlook situation as related to local conditions. Before returning to Washington he will go the Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina for the purpose of conferring with agricultural economic workers and farm management men and going over the outlook work in each State and the possibilities of developing research projects to help in setting up State outlook work.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Justine Warner, Photographic Laboratory, for the loss of her brother last Saturday.

Miss Flossie White, the announcement of whose transfer to the Crop and Livestock Estimates Spokane office was made in last week's B. A. E. NEWS, was given a luncheon by the members of the Machine Tabulating Section last Saturday and presented with a pair of kid gloves as a token of friendship.

H. W. Hawthorne, Farm Management and Costs, leaves today for Ohio, Indiana and Illinois where he will consult with State agricultural colleges and agricultural experiment stations concerning farm business records as received through farm account books. He will be away about 3 weeks.

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BIENNIAL CONFERENCE WILL AGAIN CONSIDER COTTON STANDARD.

The regular biennial conference relating to the universal standards for American cotton will convene at the Bureau on Monday, March 14. These conferences are provided for by an original agreement entered into between the Secretary of Agriculture and the leading cotton exchanges of Europe in 1923 and a supplemental agreement closed in 1924. Under those agreements the European exchanges have adopted the official cotton standards of the United States for American Upland cotton, known as the Universal Standards, as the basis of all their contracts in which grades are specified for the purchase and sale of American cotton. The biennial meetings are held for the purpose of approving copies of the Universal Standards for use by the Bureau and the arbitration committees of the European associations during the two-year period beginning on the 1st of August next following each such meeting.

Invitations have been extended to the following American exchanges and associations to send representatives to the conference next week: Texas Cotton Association; Atlantic Cotton Association; Oklahoma State Cotton Exchange; Arkansas Cotton Trade Association; Southern Cotton Shippers Association; California-Arizona Cotton Association; Staple Cotton Cooperative Association; Cotton Textile Institute; American Cotton Manufacturers Association; National Association of Cotton Manufacturers; New England Cotton Buyers Association; The American Cotton Growers Exchange; Arkwright Club; New York Cotton Exchange; New Orleans Cotton Exchange; and Chicago Board of Trade.

The following European Associations have already named the men who will represent them: Manchester Cotton Association, Manchester, England; Bremer Baumwollbörse, Bremen, Germany; Federation of Master Cotton Spinners, Manchester, England; Associazione Cotoniera Italiana; Milan, Italy; Syndicat du Commerce des Cotons au Havre, Havre, France; Liverpool Cotton Association, Ltd., Liverpool, England; Marche de Coton a Gand, Ghent, Belgium; Centro Algodonero de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain; Vereeniging voor den Katoenhandel te Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands.

At the close of the regular meeting a short session will be called to consider: (1) the desire of the Japan Cotton Spinners Association and Japan Cotton Merchants Union to be admitted as parties to the agreements relating to Universal Standards; (2) the representation in practical form of the standards for Middling Gray cotton and Strict Low Middling Spotted cotton; (3) the desires of the European associations with reference to arbitrations against the standards for Extra White cotton.

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The reward of one duty is the power to fulfil another. (George Eliot.)

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT STANDARDIZATION
CONFERENCES ARE CONCLUDED.

The public conferences held by the Bureau in Boston, New York and Philadelphia last week in connection with its proposed grade standards for sheep, lambs, calves, vealers and the carcasses derived therefrom were attended by representatives of the producers and the trade, including slaughterers, wholesalers and retailers. The problems of standardization were thoroughly discussed and the general attitude of the outside interests which were present was favorable to the standards which the Bureau has developed. This completes the series of conferences which the Bureau has been holding on the standards for these classes of livestock and meats and effort now will be centered on preparing the specifications for the grades in final form with a view to having them promulgated by the Secretary as Official U. S. Standards.

DAIRY MARKET NEWS
SERVICE EXTENDED.

Market news service on fluid milk and cream, mentioned in the B.A.E. NEWS of December 14, has been developed along the lines originally planned. Reports are now received daily from all railroads entering the metropolitan area of New York City, not only as to quantities of fluid milk, cream, and plain condensed milk received, but also giving the State in which shipments originated. Some interesting observations have been made from the figures which have been compiled in connection with this new service, particularly regarding sources of sweet cream. In addition to shipments from nearby producing territories in New York State, Pennsylvania, and Vermont, large quantities have been received from as far away as Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, and points in Canada.

SURVEY OF NORTH DAKOTA
AGRICULTURE COMPLETED.

Jesse W. Tapp, Farm Management and Costs, returned to the office Thursday after more than two months in the field. He spent nearly a month working with officials of the North Dakota Experiment Station on a study of types of farming and analyses of trends of agriculture in various sections of the State. The information compiled will present a very complete picture of North Dakota agriculture as it is now and trends in various lines of production during recent years, and will be released by the North Dakota Experiment Station in bulletin form. The material will be of definite value to the Bureau as a basis for interpreting the outlook information from year to year, so that rather definite recommendations can be made to farmers as to what steps to take in their agricultural enterprises.

Mr. Tapp spent three weeks attending Extension conferences in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and Oregon, talking with County Agents and presenting to them the research, service, and outlook work of the Bureau. He was also in Montana, Idaho, and South Dakota, where he talked with Experiment Station officials regarding cooperative research projects.

RUSSIA ADOPTS TENTATIVE
WOOL STANDARDS.

Interest, awakened by an inspection of the Bureau's wool standards, has resulted in the preparation of tentative wool standards by the Supreme Council of National Economy, of the United Socialistic Soviet Republic. These Russian standards have been submitted recently to George T. Willingmyre, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, for examination and comment, who says that generally they are in excellent form. About two years ago representatives of the Supreme Council visited the Bureau and made detailed inspection of our wool grading work.

COTTON DIVISION COOPERATES IN
NORTH CAROLINA COTTON STUDY.

The Cotton Division has entered into cooperative relations with the North Carolina State College and Agricultural Experiment Station in a study of physical characters of cotton in relation to spinning quality, and for the purpose of more accurately judging lint cotton in relation to marketing. Factors which are known to influence the market value of cotton that are not now accurately measured are length, uniformity and character, the latter including drag, fiber development, and fiber fineness. It is planned to study these factors from two directions: (1) yarns, showing a variation in strength and uniformity, for the purpose of interpreting their shortcomings in terms of the foregoing elements or others that may be discovered later; (2) raw cotton of known source and condition of growth, showing contrast in the foregoing factors, to give a definite value to each one. These studies will involve laboratory and spinning tests.

The North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station will experiment in perfecting an apparatus for measuring drag in seed and lint cotton, and in determining the physical character of the fiber associated with strong and weak drag in cottons already located.

Dr. Robert W. Webb, who will join the cotton force on March 11, will undertake this work for the division, under the direction of Mr. B. Youngblood.

HAY CLASSES BEING
CONDUCTED IN OREGON.

The Hay, Feed and Seed Division began a hay school at the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, March 7, with W. J. Morgan, Supervising Hay Inspector at San Francisco, in charge. This school is particularly for persons in Oregon and Washington. Three inspectors will be trained for the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Washington Grain Inspection Department is sending three representatives whom they desire to become familiar with the use of the standards. Several representatives will also be present from the Oregon College and Extension Service, as well as two or three officers from the U. S. Army. The work of this school will be conducted at Corvallis for the first two weeks and for the third week the class will go to Portland to work on hay on track and in the warehouses there.

W A R N I N G !

Recently we have had numerous thefts, principally of money taken from pocketbooks of our women employees. Our offices are public in character, open to visitors of all classes, and therefore it is difficult for the watchmen to check on people who enter the building. Recent developments indicate that the thefts undoubtedly are being committed by a professional. All employees are therefore warned not to leave money loose or in their desks where it is readily accessible.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED
FOR MR. WALLACE'S WORK.

The following complimentary reference to the work of James K. Wallace, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, was contained in a communication recently received by Mr. Whalin from W. A. Lloyd, Regional Agent in Charge of Western States of the Extension Service of the Department:

"I should be exceedingly glad if it were possible for Mr. Wallace to include Wyoming in his field work in the West during the summer, and I want to take this occasion of saying that Mr. Wallace's work is universally well received. He has won a big place in the Western extension work. He is in high esteem with extension specialists and county extension agents. Mr. Wallace's work and personality appeals to us western folk. The more you keep him west of the 103d meridian the better we shall like him and you."

It should be explained that during the past three years Mr. Wallace has spent most of his time in conducting livestock and meat grading demonstrations in various parts of the country, most of which have been held in the producing areas of the West and Middlewest.

REMARKABLE ACCURACY
IN OUTLOOK REPORTS.

That the predictions as to probable future trends, contained in the 1925 and 1926 Outlook Reports of this Bureau, were borne out by future developments in 95 per cent of the cases, is the statement contained in the introductory remarks of the Agricultural Outlook Report for 1927. In even the earliest reports, it is stated, nearly 90 per cent of the outlook predictions as to probable trends were accurate as later information developed. This is the fifth annual Outlook Report that has been issued. Looking toward continued and greater accuracy, it is the intention to concentrate on the collection of additional economic information, both in this country and abroad, and the analysis of statistical data needed to furnish a better basis for subsequent reports.

MR. ESTABROOK ATTENDS EGYPTIAN COTTON CONGRESS.

Mr. Estabrook, a delegate of the International Institute of Agriculture to the Congress of the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' Associations, held at Alexandria, Egypt, January 24 to February 10, reports that discussions were especially animated with respect to the papers on government crop forecasts, cost of production, and spinners' complaints, especially the latter. One of the English delegates, in criticizing the reports of the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture on the ground that they are inaccurate, subject to bias, and not issued on fixed dates announced in advance, suggested that a representative of the Egyptian Government be sent to the United States to study our system of crop reporting. Mr. Estabrook assured the Congress that such a representative would be received by this Department and given every facility here.

MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN FEBRUARY.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during February:

The Agricultural outlook for 1927. Mis. Cir. 101.

Hathcock, J. S.: Practices and Costs of Cotton Gin Operation in North Central Texas. For Department Bulletin.

Wilcox, Jennings, Collier, et al.: Costs and methods of fattening cattle in the Corn Belt. For Department Bulletin.

FOR OUTSIDE PUBLICATION:

Galpin, C. J.: Saying a thing or two for the mountains. For Mountain Life and Work.

Johnson, O. M.: Some social effects of farm tenancy and large land holdings. For compilation to be called: Relation of Social Factors in Rural Problems.

Kirkpatrick, E. L.: Can the standard of living among farmers be rated arbitrarily from observation? For Jour. of Home Economics.

Kuhrt, W. J.: Handling the problem of variation in protein content of wheat at farmers' elevators. For Farmers' Elevator Guide.

Potts, R. C.: Economic information in behalf of the poultry industry of the United States. For Proc. World's Poultry Congress.

Sherman, C. B.: Long-time programs for agriculture. For South Atlantic Quarterly.

Sherman, C. B.: Making government libraries better known. For Library Journal.

Smith, W. D.: Rice hulls. For Rice Journal and others.

Spillman, W. J.: The Potato situation. For Country Gentleman.

Youngblood, B.: Reminiscent. For The Cattleman.

BILLS WHICH BECAME LAWS DURING
SECOND SESSION OF SIXTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

- S. 4746, by Senator Mayfield, which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to publish statistics of the grade and staple length of cotton, covering both the growing crop and the "carry-over." This Act also limits the number of reports to be issued on the condition and progress of the current crop and probable number of bales to 5, i. e. on August 1, September 1, October 1, November 1 and December 1. It also provides for estimates of acreage of cotton planted and acreage abandoned. The appropriation to carry out the purposes of this Act was to be included in the second deficiency bill, which failed of passage. An amount of \$50,000 was carried in the Agricultural Appropriation bill, however, to cover estimates of grade and staple length of cotton, consequently some work can be undertaken this season.
- S. 5082, by Senator Norbeck, to authorize an appropriation of \$3,600,000 for the purchase of feed and seed grain to be supplied to farmers in the crop failure areas. The appropriation for this act, however, was carried in the second deficiency bill which failed of passage.
- S. 2965, by Senator Capper, to prevent discrimination against farmers' cooperative associations by boards of trade and similar organizations.
- S. 4974, by Mr. Ransdell, to amend the Cotton Futures Act.
- H.R. 2, by Mr. McFadden, to amend an act entitled "An Act to provide for the consolidation of national banking Associations."****
- H.R. 3858, by Mr. Hoch, to establish in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce a foreign commerce service of the United States.****
- H.R. 9268, by Mr. Stevenson, to amend the Agricultural Credits Act of 1923. This act authorizes the intermediate credit banks to make advances on crops being grown for market.
- H.R. 9971, by Mr. White, for the regulation of radio communication.
- H.R. 10510, by Mr. Hare, to prevent the destruction or dumping, without good and sufficient cause therefor, of farm produce received in interstate commerce by commission merchants and others and require them to truly and correctly account for all farm produce.
- H.R. 15649, by Mr. Purnell, to provide for the eradication or control of the European corn borer. An appropriation of \$10,000,000 to carry out the provisions of this act has also been passed.

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IN THE LIBRARY.

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending March 4 are:

Lloyd, Thomas. An inquiry into the causes of the growth and decay of civilisation ... London, 'The Statist', 1926.

National farmers' union. Committee of investigation. Co-operative bacon factory industry. Report ... London, National farmers' union, 1926.

The people's year book; the annual of the English & Scottish wholesale societies, 1927 ... 10th year of publication. Manchester, Co-operative wholesale society limited [1927]

U.S. Dept. of commerce. Bureau of the census. ... Financial statistics of states, 1925. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

U.S. Congress. House. Committee on agriculture. Plant quarantine act amendment. Hearings ... 69th Congress, 2d sess. on H.R. 16172. Jan. 17 and 18, 1927. Serial W. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

U.S. Congress. Senate. Committee on agriculture and forestry. National agriculture day. Hearing ... 69th Congress, 2d sess., on S.J. Res. 65 ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

U.S. Congress. Senate. Committee on agriculture and forestry. To amend United States cotton futures act. Hearing ... 69th Congress, 2d sess. on S. 4974 ... Jan. 13, 1927... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1927.

U.S. Dept. of the interior. Annual report of the secretary ... 1925/26. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U.S. Dept. of labor. Bureau of labor statistics. ... Index numbers of wholesale prices, by years and months, 1890 to August, 1926. [Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926]

U.S. Treasury dept. Commissioner of internal revenue. Annual report ... 1925/26. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

American sociological society. The urban community; selected papers from the Proceedings of the American sociological society, 1925, ed. by Ernest W. Burgess... Chicago, Ill., University of Chicago press [1926]

Conference on American relations with China, Baltimore, 1925. American relations with China. A report of the Conference held at Johns Hopkins university, September 17-20, 1925... Baltimore, Md., Pub. for the Conference on American relations with China by the Johns Hopkins press, 1925.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

HAYING EQUIPMENT AND PRACTICES that have proved to be effective in the Northern Great Plains and intermountain regions are described and fully illustrated in Farmers' Bulletin 1525, now available. The authors, L. A. Reynoldson, Farm Management and Costs and C. D. Kinsman of the Bureau of Public Roads, hope to help ranchers to reduce haying costs by thus placing before them in simple and practical form the methods and practices which they have found to be both economical and efficient.

CROP AND MARKET NEWS RADIO BROADCASTING SCHEDULES, 1927 (in mimeograph form), containing a brief statement concerning the broadcasting of crop and market reports by radio and the schedules of broadcasting of stations having crop and market news programs, by J. C. Gilbert, Division of Economic Information.

VARIATIONS IN CANTALOUPE CRATES (Eastern Shore of Maryland and Vicinity), by Robert W. Davis, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

U. S. STANDARDS FOR ASPARAGUS, revised for 1927 (in mimeographed form).

U. S. STANDARDS FOR BUNCHED SHALLOTS, revised for 1927 (in mimeographed form).

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Tenny will attend the meeting of the Western Maine Fruit Growers, at Auburn, Maine, March 9. In the evening a banquet will be held by the fruit growers jointly with the local Lion's Club, and Mr. Tenny is on the program for an address. He will probably be back in the office Friday.

Word has been received from Mr. Olsen through Mr. Tapp, who spent a day at Rochester, Minn., when returning from his recent field trip. Mr. Olsen asked to be remembered to everybody here and expressed appreciation for the flowers and letters he had received from members of the Bureau. He is getting along splendidly, Mr. Tapp reports, and expects to be out of the hospital in a week or ten days.

Mr. Youngblood, Cotton Division, is arranging to leave Washington about March 25 for Houston, Tex., New Orleans, La., Little Rock, Ark., Memphis, Tenn., Atlanta, Ga., Vicksburg, Miss., Montgomery, Ala., Columbia, S. C., Raleigh, N. C., and Oklahoma City, Okla., for the purpose of interviewing members of the cotton trade and economists regarding studies being conducted on cotton marketing, and to study the possibilities of developing a market for low grade cotton.

Some field offices have been submitting only one copy of reimbursement accounts, failing to comply with paragraph 106 of the Standardized Government Regulations which calls for two copies of such accounts. This necessitates that the division concerned make the additional copy and a hardship is worked. Field offices are asked to keep this regulation in mind when furnishing future accounts.

On the train, March 1, returning from Supervision of the market news service work in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, Mr. Stillwell reports that he struck a snow storm at about the North Carolina and South Carolina line. Two inches of snow were on the ground, with peach trees blossoming. North of the Florida line, he says, fruit and vegetable crops are early, while south of the line they are late.

J. V. Morrow, Warehouse Division, left last Thursday for Bowling Green and Hopkinsville, Ky., Springfield and Clarksville, Tenn., and other points in the two States, where he will present to officials of the Dark Tobacco Association the revised grades for different types of tobacco handled by that association and give instructions as to grades.

F. F. Elliott, Farm Management and Costs, has been receiving congratulations since March 1, having been presented with a son, Robert James, on that date.

Mrs. Nellie Lynham, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is resigning March 15 after $4\frac{1}{2}$ years of service in the Bureau. Her work will be taken over by Miss Helen E. Crowley.

Hutzel Metzger, Cooperative Marketing, is extending his trip to include Sherbrooke, Quebec, in the fluid milk marketing investigation which he is conducting for this division.

Mr. Tenny found it necessary to leave the office Wednesday on account of sickness, but was able to return Friday afternoon, we are happy to say.

H. W. Hawthorne, Farm Management and Costs, left for Ohio, Indiana and Illinois March 1, to confer with officials of State Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations with regard to farm business records as obtained through account books.

Paul M. Williams, Warehouse Division, is making an inspection trip, in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio and West Virginia, of warehouses licensed under the U. S. warehouse Act, and interviewing canners and officials of canners associations with reference to the adaptability of the Warehouse Act to the canning industry.

H. F. Fitts, Office of the Chief, was called to his home in Buffalo early last week on account of the illness of his mother. She improved sufficiently for him to return to Washington Thursday night and he was back at his desk in the Division of Economic Information Friday morning.

Miss Frances O. Myers, Fruit and Vegetable Division, will be transferred to the Chicago office of the inspection service March 15, succeeding Miss Catherine M. Keys, who is taking a position in the Prohibition unit. Miss Myers' original appointment in the Bureau was in the Chicago Fruit and Vegetable office. She transferred to Washington in November, 1925.

J. E. M. Gantt is now located in the surplus files unit at 7th and B. Sts., S. W. James Calderwood has charge of the Mail Room and Messenger Pool.

G. S. Meloy, Cotton Division, will leave on March 23, for Springfield and Cincinnati, Ohio, and Memphis, Tenn., to confer with members of the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers Association, linter dealers, and mattress makers regarding trading rules governing the use of the official standard grades for American cotton linters.

Charles E. Gage, Crop and Livestock Estimates, will be away from the office several days this week on account of the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Edwards Riley, widow of Joseph F. Riley. Mrs. Riley made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Gage.

H. A. Spilman, Fruit and Vegetable Division, will leave March 13, for New Orleans, La., Humboldt, Tenn., Pittsburg, Tex., Troy, Ala., Jonesboro, Ark., and Menlo, Ga., for the purpose of conferring with crate manufacturers in connection with the enforcement of the Standard Containers' Act. He expects to be away from the office about two weeks.

James K. Wallace, Livestock, Meats and Wool, returned last week from a two months' trip in the Western States. He attended the Montana and New Mexico States Extension Conferences; also farm conferences and surveys relating to a better balanced agriculture in Montana, New Mexico and North Dakota. In Colorado he cooperated with the Extension Service in putting on a "Truth in Meats" exhibit of cattle and beef by grade at the Denver Western Stock Show, and gave several cattle grading demonstrations at ranches.

It is a pleasure to report the return of Mrs. M. H. Bagley, Photographic Laboratory, after a rather extended absence on account of sickness.

A. R. Rule, General Manager, Federated Fruit and Vegetable Growers, of New York City, and J. S. Edwards, Second Vice President of the California Fruit Growers Exchange, Los Angeles, Calif., called on Chris L. Christensen, Cooperative Marketing, last Thursday regarding matters affecting co-operation.

Mrs. Marguerite Pauls reported for duty March 1 in the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division. She has had previous service in the Bureau, having worked in the former Crop and Livestock Estimates Bureau in 1916 and more recently in the Cotton Division in a temporary assignment.

Heber J. Webb, Supervising Inspector for the Hay, Feed and Seed Division at Salt Lake City, is making a three weeks' field trip through Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. In Colorado he will confer with producers in the Pueblo district in regard to shipping point inspection of hay and at Denver with inspectors and dealers in regard to the proposed new standards for grass hay and to bean inspection. At Cheyenne, Wyo., Mr. Webb will discuss the bean and hay inspection work in that State with the Commissioner of Agriculture and will supervise the work of the inspector at Ft. D. A. Russell. He also will stop at Worland and Powell, Wyo., to supervise the work of the inspectors at those points. In Montana he will visit the bean inspector at Billings and expects to stop at the college at Bozeman and at Helena will see the State Commissioner of Agriculture.

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MEAT GRADING SERVICE

PROPOSED FOR PACKING PLANTS.

C. V. Whalin and W. C. Davis, Livestock, Meats and Wool, will attend a meeting in Chicago March 17, called by the National Livestock and Meat Board, of producers, packers, and representatives of this Department. The meeting has for its purpose the working out of necessary details for a meat grading service for prime and choice beef. It is expected that the experiment, if undertaken, will demonstrate that commercial grading according to a universal standard will prove profitable to producers and packers, as well as to consumers. The producer and packer will benefit by having a demand stimulated for their best products, which will bear a stamp showing the official grade on each retail cut. By the same means the consumer will benefit by the assurance that he is getting the quality for which he pays. It is anticipated that the advertising advantage of the official grade on each cut of meat will place the beef cattle industry on a more profitable basis.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN

CROP REPORT DATES.

A number of changes in the dates on which Crop Reports shall be issued during the year 1927 have just been announced by the Crop Reporting Board. The dates of release of reports on grain crops have been changed from 2 P.M. to 3 P.M. for the reports of March 18, April 8 and August 10. With this change, all of the grain reports, with the exception of the report of December 19, which remains at 4 P.M., will be issued at 3 P.M. The report on acreage of corn and other crops, except cotton, originally scheduled for July 9, has been changed to July 11.

The Mayfield Bill, which was enacted into law on March 3, has necessitated a number of changes in the cotton reports. The reports of September 23 and October 25 will be eliminated entirely. The report originally scheduled for July 6 will not be issued until July 9, and will relate only to the acreage of cotton in cultivation on July 1. The report on condition and probable production of cotton on that date will be omitted. The report on September 8 will contain, in addition to the report on condition and probable production of cotton, a report on the acreage of cotton abandoned since July 1. The report on December 8 will contain, in addition to the preliminary estimate of production of cotton, a report on the acreage of cotton abandoned since July 1.

Amendments to Circular 96, CROP REPORT REGULATIONS, have been prepared and are available in the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates.

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MR. SHERMAN REPORTS WESTERN TRIP.

W. A. Sherman returned last week after spending several weeks in the West. On February 21 and 22 he attended conferences called by Director Campbell and Dr. P. B. Dunbar, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Chemistry, first with officials of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast States, followed by a joint meeting between this group and representatives of the fruit shippers of the same region. The supervising inspectors of the Fruit and Vegetable Division in these States were also in attendance.

The Bureau of Chemistry announced its policy to the effect that everything possible must be done by the industry to reduce the amount of spray residue on fruit offered for sale in 1927 and that no leniency would be shown in 1928 towards any fruit showing more than .01 grains of arsenious oxide per pound of fruit, but that as an administrative policy for 1927 seizures would not be made on lots containing not in excess of .025 grains per pound. It is believed that the industry was convinced that in many regions it will be necessary to dip or wash the fruit in a one per cent solution of hydrochloric acid in order to remove the excessive residue likely to be present at time of harvest. Distinctive certificates may be issued by our inspection service to indicate the certain lots of fruit have been subjected to specific processes.

At the conclusion of the spray residue conferences Mr. Sherman spent a week in California discussing with State officials and many other agricultural leaders the proposed arrangement for the joint employment of a marketing expert by this Department and the State, who, incidentally, will be Chief of the California Division of Markets. They also discussed in much detail the plans of the California Vineyardists Association, with its officers and others who are interested, for the organization of a clearing house for shippers of grapes and deciduous tree fruits. He brought back to Washington for the consideration of the Bureau tentative plans for a clearing house association which were drawn up by one of the interested groups.

SUPREME COURT OVERRULES GOVERNMENT'S
MOTION ON TRADING RULES.

The Supreme Court for the District of Columbia on March 11 overruled the Government's motion to dismiss the complaint of certain Cincinnati fruit and vegetable dealers asking for an injunction against the Secretary in connection with the Standard Trading Rules plan. The court granted ten days in which the Government might file an answer, at which time the case will again be considered and probably closed.

COTTON STANDARDS
CONFERENCE IN SESSION.

The cotton standards conference met at 10 A. M. Monday, but adjourned immediately owing to the absence of some of the European delegates who arrived Tuesday. At the conference Tuesday morning the work of going over universal standards was taken up and it is expected it will be completed this week.

EGG INSPECTION SERVICE
IS EXTENDED IN WEST.

Returning last week from a rather extended trip to the Pacific Coast, Roy C. Potts, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, reports two outstanding accomplishments, namely the extension of egg inspection work to and cooperation with Western States in compiling dairy statistics.

He visited the field offices of the division at Jefferson City, Mo., San Francisco, Petaluma and Santa Cruz, Cal., at each of which inspection service is conducted. At Salt Lake City he attended the convention of the Pacific Coast States Butter, Eggs, Cheese and Poultry Association. He conferred with the dairy and poultry trade at Denver, Colo., Spokane and Seattle, Wash., Portland, Ore., Los Angeles and San Diego, Cal., with regard to the possible establishment of an inspection service on eggs. The Los Angeles Dairy Produce Exchange agreed to accept the inspection service and the Exchange at Portland, following his visit, signed an agreement for inspection on butter, cheese and eggs. Following conferences with the statistical offices of the State Departments of Agriculture, arrangements for cooperation were made or negotiations are now under way with Missouri, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, California and Oklahoma in the compilation and issuance of quarterly reports on dairy products manufactured in these States. At San Francisco Mr. Potts conferred with members of the local Wholesale Dairy Produce Exchange and the Mercantile Exchange. The latter made five changes in its trading rules at his suggestion which are expected to greatly improve trading conditions on that Exchange. At a meeting of the former association a resolution was adopted requesting a joint investigation by the Bureau and the Trades Practice Division of the Federal Trade Commission of problems confronting the operation of the Dairy Produce Exchanges at San Francisco.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE
INSPECTION CONFERENCE HELD.

Several of the field men in the inspection service of the Fruit and Vegetable Division were called to Washington last week for a conference, sessions of which began March 10 and extended through noon of the 12th. Various phases of the inspection service were discussed with the view to bringing the instructions to inspectors up to date and putting them in a more simplified form. Instructions are issued from time to time in the Division Letter and eventually it becomes necessary to put them into condensed form for more convenient use. The field representatives attending the conference were: J. J. Gardner, Pittsburg, Pa., W. C. Hackleman and George W. Payne, New York City; R. C. Butner and Melvin A. Russell, Chicago, Ill.; E. E. Conklin, Sacramento, Cal.; and O. N. Harsha and J. A. Marks, itinerants in the inspection service.

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ALTERATION OF FOOD PRODUCTS
INSPECTION CERTIFICATES IS CRIMINAL.

In a recent opinion rendered by the Solicitor of the Department it was held that a person altering a Food Products Inspection Certificate issued under authority of the Federal Food Products Inspection Law is amenable to prosecution under Section 28 of the Penal Code of the United States (Act of March 4, 1909).

This section provides that the forgery of specified documents, including public record, affidavit, or other writing, for the purpose of defrauding the United States, is made a criminal offense subject to fine and imprisonment. In his opinion the Solicitor cited cases having to do with the interpretation of the terms "public record" and "other writing" which tended to show the application of the terms to Food Products Inspection Certificates.

In his discussion of the question whether forging of a Certificate constituted a fraud against the United States, it was stated that it is now well settled that fraud against the Government may be committed otherwise than by causing it a loss of money or property, as it now must be regarded as established that "it is not essential to charge or prove an actual financial or property loss to make a case under the statute."

A Supreme Court case directly in point was cited by the Solicitor in support of his opinion.

SALARY CHANGES OF COOPERATIVE
EMPLOYEES MUST BE REPORTED.

A number of our field employees who serve under cooperative agreements with State or other agencies receive a part of their salaries from such cooperating agencies. According to a ruling of the Comptroller General of the United States, it is required that the 3-1/2 per cent retirement deduction shall be made from the total compensation of cooperative employees regardless of whether the major portion of their salaries is contributed by the cooperating agency or by the Federal Government. In a number of instances in the past it has been discovered that the cooperating agency on their own initiative have increased the amount of their contribution to salaries without notifying the Bureau of such action, with the result that the disability and retirement fund failed to receive the benefit of the full 3-1/2 per cent deduction, making it necessary to recover sums from employees and causing complications in the accounts and records, as well as unnecessary work.

All field employees who receive part of their salaries from a State or other agency under cooperative agreement with this Bureau are therefore expected to keep the Washington office advised of any change in the amount received by them from such cooperating agency; the date the increase is to become effective, the amount to be received and the reason for the change should be stated.

CLARA V. KELLY.

Miss Clara V. Kelly, Hay, Feed and Seed Division, died suddenly at the home of her sister Friday morning, March 11, following an illness of only three days.

Miss Kelly was a resident of Washington, D. C. She had been in the Government service nine years, having been appointed in the War Department in June, 1918. She came to this Bureau in August, 1920, and was assigned to the Division of Statistical and Historical Research. In March, 1926, she transferred to the Hay, Feed and Seed Division to assist with the statistical work in the grain, hay and feed market reporting service, which position she held up to the time of her death.

Her work was of a high standard, turned out in a minimum of time, yet always accurate and neat. Her pleasing personality had won her many friends in the Bureau who will miss her.

ADDITIONAL FOREIGN INTEREST
IS EVINCED IN WOOL STANDARDS.

A request has been made by Alfred D. Barker, Professor of the Department of Textile Industries, University of Leeds, England, one of the foremost art universities, for a set of the Bureau's wool standards. Following the usual procedure for furnishing schools and colleges with standards, the Bureau is loaning a set to this university.

In his letter of request to the Secretary Professor Barker states:

"I notice with pleasure the progress you are making in wool standardization and I can assure you that we are prepared to back you up so far as it is possible in this direction."

CORRECTIONS IN NEW
BUREAU STOCK LIST.

The following corrections should be made in the Bureau Stock List issued recently:

Page 6, change number of the seventh item from 755 to 775.

Page 9, item 1464 should read Reyburn #5 instead of #1.

Page 12, item 1816, the size should read 8 x 10-1/2 instead of 9 x 10-1/2.

Page 19, change number of the second item from 3203 to 3202. It is requested that everyone using a stock list make these changes immediately as confusion may result in filling requisitions if a wrong item number is given. This applies especially to item 775.

BILLS OF INTEREST WHICH FAILED OF PASSAGE
SECOND SESSION, 69th CONGRESS.

- H.R. 4808, The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill passed both Houses and was vetoed by the President.
- H.R. 17291, The second deficiency bill, which carried various appropriations of interest to this Bureau, passed the House but failed of passage in the Senate during the last hours of the session.
- H.R. 15476, by Mr. Morgan, authorizing the use of the undistributable surplus remaining in the Treasury from collection of excess profits made on the wool clip of 1918, for research work in the standardization, grading and marketing *** of wool, passed the House and was reported out of the Agricultural Committee of the Senate but failed to reach final passage.
- H.R. 16350, by Mr. Gilbert, to provide for the collection and publication of statistics of tobacco by the Department of Agriculture, passed the House and was reported out of the Agricultural Committee of the Senate.
- H.R. 10129, by Mr. Ketcham, to promote the agriculture of the United States by extending into foreign fields the service now rendered by the United States Department of Agriculture in acquiring and diffusing useful information regarding agriculture***, passed the House but was not acted upon by the Senate.
- S. 3926, by Senator McNary, to fix standards of hampers, round stave baskets and splint baskets for fruits and vegetables***, passed the Senate. The companion bill H.R. 5677, by Mr. Perkins, was reported out of the House Committee on Coinage and Weights but was not passed by the House.
- S. 5696, by Senator Frazier, to amend the United States Grain Standards Act was introduced in the Senate but received no action.

A number of bills of interest to the cotton industry were pending at the close of the session. Among these were S. 5747, by Senator Ransdell, to standardize bales of cotton intended for use in interstate commerce; S. 5799, by Senator Ransdell, to regulate interstate shipments of cotton***, S. Resolution 286, by Senator Harris, for the purpose of developing new uses for cotton and cotton products; H.R. 17272, by Mr. Edwards, authorizing an appropriation of \$250,000 with which to acquire Sea Island cottonseed and reestablish the growing thereof; S. 454, by Senator Caraway, to prevent the sale of cotton and grain in future markets.

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U.S. Federal board for vocational education. ... The place of vocational agriculture in the present agricultural situation ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (Its Monograph no.3)

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Warbasse, J. P. Co-operative democracy through voluntary association of the people as consumers ... 2d ed. completely rev. New York, The Macmillan company, 1927.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

THE FARM REAL ESTATE SITUATION as found in 1926 is analyzed by E. H. Wiecking in Dept. Cir. 377, distributed just as Mr. Weickling was getting out his next set of queries to be mailed to the large list of cooperators who supply the Division of Land Economics with the information between Censuses on which such analyses are built. It is planned to issue a statement like this one annually hereafter as an aid in estimating trend and outlook with regard to farm real estate values.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS received by producers in the North Atlantic States have been compiled by Mrs. Charlotte M. Ward under the direction of C. F. Sarle and issued as Statistical Bulletin 14. This bulletin includes all such prices on record in the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, dating back to 1866. It is the first of a series of four price bulletins to come from the press. The others will bear consecutive numbers and will contain the price statistics for the North Central States, the South Atlantic and South Central States and the Mountain and Pacific States. Mr. Sarle has another bulletin in press which was written to accompany these price statistics. It is entitled Reliability and Adequacy of Farm Price Data. The page proof of this bulletin has been returned to the printing office and it should soon be available as Department Bulletin 1480.

COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE, a selected and annotated reading list, has just been issued as Mis. Cir. 97. This reading list, which was compiled by Miss Chastina Gardner, supersedes Mis. Cir. 11, as the references have been revised and the list brought up to February 1927. The annotated list covers 58 closely printed pages and is followed by a classified list of references and a list of periodicals.

INCOMES FROM FARMING IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY as found in Frederick County, Va., with special emphasis on costs of apple production, form the theme of Dept. Bul. 1455 by C. R. Swinson, just received. Footnote mention of the help of H. W. Hawthorne and H. A. Miller is made. The field work on which this bulletin is based covered 125 farms for a period of five years, and 48 of these farms, classed as orchard farms, were carried a sixth year.

U. S. STANDARDS FOR GREEN CORN, revised for 1927 (mimeographed).

"Changes in the Tenure of Farm Land, 1920-1925", by O. M. Johnson, is the title of a mimeographed report just received.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Tenny is planning to attend the 16th Annual Convention of the Texas Cotton Association at the Hotel Adolphus, Dallas, Texas, on March 25, from whence he expects to proceed to points in California to attend to various official matters claiming his attention there. He had not been able to arrange a definite itinerary when this issue was going to press.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Miss Dena Hammer in the recent loss of her father.

The Chief, Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Marquis spent some time in the Division of Farm Management and Costs last Friday going over the work there. Members of the clerical force have expressed their pleasure at the opportunity afforded to improve their long-distance acquaintance with these officials.

Recent reports from Miss Bertha Henderson, who has been at Garfield Hospital for treatment for the past several weeks, indicate that her condition is more serious than at first thought and due to certain complications it seems likely that she will be out of the office for several months.

Yei Nangu, Secretary to the Governor General of Korea, called at the Bureau last week, obtaining information on cooperatives, agricultural finance, and our crop reporting work.

Friends and associates of Miss Lila Thompson, Statistical and Historical Research, sympathize with her in the loss of her mother last week.

George F. Reilly, Telegrapher, who was employed in the Boston joint office, is being transferred to Chicago to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of V. E. Olson.

Announcement was made last week of the marriage, March 3, of Mrs. Doris S. Ireland to Earl McBride. Mrs. McBride, who has been working in the market news section is assuming the duties formerly handled by Miss Frances O. Myers. Miss Virginia E. Gilliam, who came to the Bureau from the Treasury Department in January and was assigned to the Typewriter Pool, will take over most of the work performed by Mrs. McBride in the market news section.

M. R. Cooper, Farm Management and Costs, left Monday for points in Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island to confer with officials of State Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations and others regarding final arrangements for a study of the economics of apple production.

Miss Eunice A. Butterworth, Division of Land Economics, recently called to her home at Miami, Florida, on personal matters, is due back in the office on the 15th.

James E. Cox, Assistant Messenger in the office of the Chief, is resigning March 18, to enter the commercial field. Laurance F. Stuntz, now working in the Personnel Section, will be detailed to messenger service in the administrative office.

Miss Brenzelle Z. Lennox, Assistant Clerk in the Crop and Livestock Estimates office at Springfield, Ill., is resigning April 30, to be married. This position will be filled by the transfer of Miss Nora E. Mann from the Bureau of Public Roads. Miss Mann has had previous experience in crop estimating work, having served in the former Bureau of Crop Estimates in 1921.

Mr. Olsen is making good progress and was due to arrive in Des Moines, Iowa, Monday morning according to a wire from his brother to Mr. Tenny.

H. K. Holman, Warehouse Division, left Sunday for points in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma to interview warehousemen in connection with the preparation of a practical stock record suitable particularly for grain warehouses operating under the U. S. Warehouse Act and to take up other warehouse problems. He expects to return the first of May.

In the latest communication received from Mr. Estabrook he writes that he has engaged passage on the S.S. "Diulio" sailing from Naples March 12 and due to arrive in New York March 21. He plans to spend a week or ten days in Washington before proceeding to Havana and the City of Mexico.

R. H. Lamb, Kansas City, Mo., is taking charge temporarily of the work of the food products inspection service at Ft. Worth, Tex., while Marvin C. Gregory, permanently in charge of that office, is on military leave.

A. W. McKay, Cooperative Marketing, returned March 10 after an absence of three weeks in the field. At a meeting at Laramie, Wyo., of honey producers from Utah, Montana, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming, he assisted in perfecting an organization of a marketing association called "The Mountain States Honey Association". He met A. V. Swarthout in Los Angeles and together they went to Phoenix, Ariz., assisting a committee there in planning the organization of a poultry association in the Salt River Valley and covering very thoroughly the proposed plan of organization and the methods of organization and incorporation necessary in the handling of that business. Further assistance will probably be extended later in setting up a cooperative association. At Phoenix Messrs. McKay and Swarthout also called on the Roosevelt Hay Growers' Association and attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Arizona Pima Cotton Growers and a banquet of that organization.

S. G. Swain, Warehouse Division, has just returned from western Kentucky where he assisted officers of the various warehouse corporations storing tobacco for the Dark Tobacco Growers' Association in the preparation of applications for licenses, bonds, and other papers, so as to make certain that they will meet the requirements of the Warehouse Act. Special care in acting upon these applications was necessary in view of a recent decision of the District Court, rendered since the Association released its members from delivery of the 1925 crop.

J. W. Park, Fruit and Vegetable Division, leaves today for Newark, Del., New Brunswick, N.J., New York City, Providence, R.I., and Boston, Mass., where he will discuss plans for carrying on the apple study being made by the bureau, with members of State agricultural departments, the New York Food Marketing Research Council, and the New England Research Council.

E. A. Foley and W. I. Holt, of the London office, are in Washington attending the cotton conference.

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MR. OLSEN TO REPRESENT

DEPARTMENT AT HAWAIIAN CONFERENCE.

Nils A Olsen will be the Department representative at a Pan Pacific Conference on Education, Rehabilitation, Reclamation, and Recreation to be held at Honolulu, Hawaii, April 11 to 16 inclusive. A joint resolution, passed by the Senate and House of Representatives July 3, 1926, authorizes the President to call such a conference and delegates to the Secretary of the Interior full authority for its inauguration and maintenance, the preparation of sending necessary exhibits, purchase of necessary supplies and equipment, etc.

Invitations have been issued through the Department of State to all countries bordering upon the Pacific Ocean and having territorial interests in the Pacific, including colonial governments. These comprise Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dutch East Indies, France, French Cochinchina, Great Britain, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Japan, Macao, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Oceania, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Salvador, and Siam.

Invitations have been issued by the Secretary of the Interior through the appropriate departments of the United States Government to all Territories and outlying parts of the United States, namely, Alaska, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Philippines, Porto Rico, Samoa, and Virgin Islands.

This conference is planned: (1) to establish a basis of cooperation for the promotion of peaceful arts and pursuits among the countries participating; (2) to provide a medium for exchange of knowledge on the subjects under discussion; (3) to afford a wider field of service for certain technical activities; (4) to be of assistance to the territories of the several participating countries.

Mr. Olsen will present a paper at the meeting on the subject of "Efforts of the State to Aid Homesteaders and Build up Communities of Small Farm Owners." He has secured a reservation on the "President Roosevelt," sailing from San Francisco on April 2.

DR. GRAY TO RECEIVE

HONORARY DEGREE.

That the degree of LL.D. will be conferred on Dr. L. C. Gray, Division of Land Economics, at the commencement exercises, May 26, of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., is the information contained in a letter addressed to him by President H. C. Wayman of that college. In conveying the information the recommendation of the faculty to confer this honor had just been approved by the Board of Trustees, and requesting his presence for the exercises, President Wayman took the opportunity to say "We are proud indeed of the record you have made."

Doctor Gray completed his work at William Jewell College about a quarter of a century ago, receiving the degree of B.A. in 1900 and M.A. in 1903.

CHANGED PROCEDURE FOR CROP REPORTS
VERY PLEASING TO FIELD STATISTICIANS.

The increased responsibility in handling crop reports in the field, particularly surveys relating to acreage and numbers of livestock, is being shouldered gladly by the field statisticians of the Crop and Livestock Division, according to Mr. Callander who has recently returned from a six weeks' trip through the cotton States. Mr. Callander was engaged in making plans for the seasonal work in line with the reorganization scheme which has been under way since the first of the year. Field representatives apparently appreciate the additional responsibility which has been placed upon them and are going into their work with renewed energy.

Mr. Callander also made a special study of the truck crop situation and has submitted to Mr. Tenny a plan for an expansion of the crop and market reporting service in the early truck States - Texas, Florida, Louisiana and California. He found that the truck growers in these sections are in need of much more information than they are now receiving in order to plant and market their products intelligently.

At Memphis he attended a meeting of a committee which was appointed at a conference of cotton men in Memphis last fall to carry on a campaign to reduce the cotton acreage. Dr. Tait Butler, Vice President and Editor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, is chairman of the committee. Reports have been received by the committee from farmers in many States, pledging themselves to reduce their acreage.

He spent a part of a day with E. M. Daggit, formerly with the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, now Statistician for the American Cotton Growers Exchange, at Memphis, who, Mr. Callander says, is meeting with success in his new work.

LIVESTOCK STANDARDIZATION
CONFERENCES HAVE PLEASANT CLOSE.

The series of twelve Grade Standards Conferences recently held by the Marketing Livestock, Meats and Wood Division came to an end with the conference held in the Customs House, New York City, on March 3. With the possible exception of the Chicago conference held during the international Livestock Exposition, the one at New York was the best attended of the series. This was true not only with respect to numbers present, but also from the standpoint of representation of the different branches of the livestock and meat industries.

Following the conference, the New York office acted as host to the Washington representatives at a dinner held at Cafe Boulevard on 41st Street. The dinner was an elaborate six course affair, the piece de resistance being an officially graded prime steak of super excellence, the flavor, juiciness and tenderness of which will linger long in the minds of those privileged to partake of it. The diners included the entire New York office personnel, wives and friends. The friendly spirit of the occasion was greatly aided by the contributions of Mrs. A. J. Ryan and Mrs. W. H. Norris.

MEMBERSHIP PROBLEMS OF FLUID MILK
MARKETING ASSOCIATION RECEIVING ATTENTION.

The Division of Cooperative Marketing has just closed identical agreements with the New York State College of Agriculture and the Ohio State University for the purpose of making cooperative studies of membership problems of fluid milk cooperative marketing associations. The studies will be undertaken: (1) to determine the fundamental facts responsible for the existence of such problems; (2) to analyze the methods and practices that are being used to meet these problems; and (3) to develop plans or suggestions for effectively meeting these problems by educational effort. Questionnaires prepared by this Bureau and approved by the respective institutions will be filled out during personal interviews with members of the Ohio Farmers Cooperative Milk Association of Cleveland, and the Cooperative Pure Milk Association of Cincinnati, under the Ohio agreement, and with members of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association of New York, under the New York agreement. Independent local milk cooperatives and farmers in the territories covered will also be interviewed. The work of tabulation and analysis of the data collected will be conducted in the Bureau.

It is expected that these studies will enable cooperative associations to attain a better understanding of their members' problems and their attitude toward cooperative marketing.

A FARMER PAYS TRIBUTE
TO CROP REPORTS.

In sending in to headquarters a letter of commendation from a Maine farmer, V. A. Sanders, State Statistician, Wakefield, Mass., comments that such expressions make life more worth while for us all. This is the attitude not only of other Bureau members who have received letters of appreciation, but of their co-workers as well, who seem to get added inspiration from expressions of appreciation from the public of the work in which they participate.

The correspondent writes:

"Just a line in appreciation of your crop reporting service and timely articles on crop outlook.

When I think back fifteen years and how a group of us farmers would discuss the ways and means to get reliable market information and how the Department has not only given these up-to-the-minute reports but other valuable information as well, it is to feel we have travelled fast and far. Certainly the outlook for a more stable farming system is bright."

MAKE PROMPT REQUESTS
FOR RUBBER STAMPS.

It is requested that requirements for appropriation stamps for use the next fiscal year be anticipated as soon as possible. To avoid congestion in work during the latter part of the current fiscal year, orders for rubber stamps should be placed promptly.

UNIVERSAL COTTON STANDARDS CONFERENCE
CONCLUDES SESSIONS MARCH 19.

The final official act of the Universal Cotton Standards Conference occurred March 19, when the first and second reserve sets of cotton were sealed, the first reserve set being stored in the Treasury by a special committee, the second stored in the new vault room at 300 Linworth Place.

The request of the Japan Cotton Spinners Association and the Japan Cotton Merchants Union to be admitted as parties to the agreements relating to universal standards was not acted on, inasmuch as the delegates from abroad did not come authorized to decide that question. It will be considered later by the international exchange after the delegates return home.

BUREAU UTILIZES NEW
FRUIT NEWS SERVICE.

A new source of material, being utilized by the Division of Statistical and Historical Research to supplement commodity releases on fruit, has been afforded by the introduction of a British fruit news service. Beginning February 23, the Empire Marketing Board of London started its first series of weekly news releases on fruit. The service covers production, market conditions and shipments of apples, oranges, bananas and other fruit important in British trade, within the Empire and in foreign countries. The first release carries details on North American apples, Spanish and Jaffa oranges, South African deciduous fruits, Australian pears, fruit production in Jamaica, and banana production in Costa Rica. The announcement accompanying the first release states that it is the object of the Empire Marketing Board to "provide an Intelligence Service with the object of giving prompt information in regard to competing supplies to producers in various parts of the Empire."

A PROMPT REPLY IS
A GOOD INVESTMENT.

The Business Manager calls attention to the fact that recently several instances have been reported of unusual delays in handling correspondence within the Bureau.

It is urged that every employee entrusted with the responsibility of answering correspondence make an effort to do so promptly. In any event when a proper reply cannot be made promptly, acknowledgment of the incoming inquiry should be made with a definite statement as to when a further reply may be expected.

Particular attention is called to the necessity for dispatch in the preparation of Secretary letters. The reply should be prepared immediately upon receipt of the incoming letter and steps taken to insure that it reaches the Secretary's office within the time prescribed on the pink jacket. This correspondence should not be taken care of through the regular channels, but should be sent to the vizeers by special messenger, who in turn will give it special attention to expedite its handling within the administrative offices. The cooperation of all employees is urgently requested by the administrative officers.

The courtesy of a prompt reply is a good investment.

LECTURE BY DOCTOR HOWARD, MARCH 29.

At a recent meeting of the Graduate School Committee a series of lectures by prominent members of the Department's staff was discussed. The purpose of these lectures is to better acquaint the Department personnel with important phases of the work of the several bureaus. As a try-out of this suggestion, a subcommittee has arranged two lectures for presentation during the next few weeks, the thought being that if sufficient interest is evidenced a series of several lectures will be scheduled for next winter.

The first of this series will be an illustrated lecture by Dr. L. O. Howard, Chief of the Bureau of Entomology, on Tuesday evening, March 29, at 8 P.M., in the auditorium of the New National Museum. His subject will be "Fifty Years of Economic Entomology." All members of the Department's staff and their families are cordially invited. The second lecture for this year will probably be given early in May.

(Letter dated March 19, 1927, signed C.W. Warburton, W. J. Humphreys, Subcommittee, Graduate School Committee).

ALL RENTAL AGREEMENTS MUST BE IN WRITING.

A letter of recent date from the Comptroller General to the Secretary of Agriculture specifically states that all rental agreements must be reduced to some form of writing, no matter how small the amount involved. This means that purely oral leases are not permissible. In cases where the rental is \$500 or more, a formal lease will be required; where the amount is less than \$500 there must be a written proposal, accepted in writing, or a written memorandum of agreement.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

In accordance with Secretary Memorandum No. 567, identification cards hereafter will be issued by the Bureau instead of through the office of the Chief Clerk of the Department. The new cards will be valid from the date of issuance until revocation or until the date of the employee's separation from the service. All employees having identification cards should turn them in and secure new ones. The cards will be issued and handled through the office of the Business Manager of the Bureau, by Mr. D. N. Hevener, Room 718.

DO NOT STAPLECORRESPONDENCE FOR FILES.

Correspondence is sometimes returned to the central Mails and Files section carefully stapled together. As these files are re-arranged and marked for filing, it is requested that only pins or clips be used. Cooperation on the part of all divisions in keeping papers together by this means will be appreciated.

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The address of the Warehouse Portland, Office should be changed from 516 to 514 Post Office Building, their Wichita Office from 721 to 701 Wheeler, Kelly and Hagney Building.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending March 18 are:

- Academy of political science, New York. Problems of prosperity; better economic organization of agriculture, installment purchasing, the prospects of industrial civilization... ed. by Parker Thomas Moon. [New York] The Academy of political science, Columbia university, 1927. (Its Proceedings v.12,no.2)
- American sugar refining company. Annual report ... 36th, 1926. [New York, 1927]
- Association of land-grant colleges. Proceedings of the 40th annual convention... held at Washington, D. C., November 16-18, 1926... Northampton, Mass., Metcalf printing & publishing company [1927]
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- Craig, W. R. & co., New York. Cotton... [New York, The Statistical press, 1926]
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- Wiley, Malcolm MacDonald. The country newspaper ... Chapel Hill, The University of North Carolina press [etc., etc.] 1926.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

A PAIR OF BULLETINS ON SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, has come from the press. R. S. Washburn, Farm Management and Costs and H. D. Scudder, Oregon Agr. Exp. Sta., are joint authors of both bulletins and footnote credit is given to others who aided them. Dept. Bul. 1446 analyses and discusses the cost of producing winter wheat and the incomes from wheat farming in this country and Dept. Bul. 1447 analyses and discusses the cost of using horses, tractors and combines on these farms. As the farmers of this country are largely dependent upon wheat as a source of income, and as the cost factors of production in this area have been subject to decided changes, the importance of the study and of the published conclusions is evident. In Dept. Bul. 1446, suggested plans for the organization and management of wheat farms in this country follow the analyses and discussions.

JOB PRINTING REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE NOW for any supplies that will be needed during the next few months. The Government Printing Office has about caught up with the work left to be finished after the adjournment of Congress and can now handle these requests fairly promptly. Supplies should be gone over carefully and needs should be anticipated as much as is safe so that later rush requests will be unnecessary.

PERIODICAL REPORTS RELATING TO CROPS, MARKETS AND AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (Mimeographed).

A PARTIAL LIST OF USES OF AMERICAN RAW COTTON, by H. B. Killough, Cotton Division (Mimeographed).

CHANGES IN THE TENURE OF FARM LAND, 1920-1925, by O. M. Johnson, Division of Land Economics (Mimeographed).

A STUDY OF FARMER ELEVATOR OPERATION IN THE SPRING WHEAT AREA, PART III, by W. J. Kuhrt, Division of Cooperative Marketing, (Mimeographed).

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BUREAU?

In order to reply to inquiries of persons outside of the Bureau every employee should be familiar with the general scope of its work. Questions are constantly arising which workers in unrelated lines are unable to answer. The following question box has been inaugurated to present answers to general inquiries of this character. A set of questions will be carried each week, concise answers to which will appear in the following issue.

How many of the following inquiries can you answer before the information is furnished in the B.A.E. NEWS?

What is the total appropriation expended by the Bureau on all lines of work?

What funds, fees, or other income from Bureau work is returned to the Treasury each year?

What is the Crop Reporting Board and how was it created?

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Tenny left Monday night for his Western trip. His itinerary will include College Station and Dallas, Texas, Los Angeles, Fresno, Sacramento and San Francisco, Cal., and Portland, Oregon. In addition to other business in the several cities named, he plans to see Mr. Olsen in San Francisco before his departure for Hawaii, and talk over official matters.

W. F. Callander will leave the latter part of the week for points in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan to inspect Crop and Livestock estimate field offices and records and make plans for the season's work.

Sympathy is extended to C. V. Whalin, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, in the loss of his father March 9,, death resulting from a recent injury.

E. L. Kirkpatrick, Farm Population and Rural Life, spent several days at Columbus, Ohio, last week making preliminary arrangements for a study of farm business and the standard of living among farmers in southeastern Ohio in cooperation with the Division of Farm Management and Costs and the Ohio State University.

H. R. Tolley, Farm Management and Costs, is on the program for two addresses before the Farmers' Week meetings at Orono, Maine. He will discuss the subjects of "Keeping Agricultural Production in Line with Market Requirements" and "The Outlook for Agriculture." The invitation to Mr. Tolley was extended by Dean Leon S. Merrell of the State College of Agriculture. On his return trip Mr. Tolley will stop in Boston to confer with members of the New England Research Council.

William H. Gray and John T. Wigington, of the Clemson College, S. C., Cotton, Office, will attend a meeting of the Southern Textile Association at Union, S. C., March 23, at which practical questions in connection with cotton and cotton testing will be discussed.

R. P. Teele, Land Economics, under detail to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior Department, is making incidental studies of reclamation and land settlement projects in connection with his field travel throughout Western States, in the vicinities visited.

E. W. Stillwell, Fruit and Vegetable Division, who has been conferring with Bureau and State officials in New York City, Rochester, N. Y., Philadelphia, Pa., Boston, Mass., and Trenton, N. J. during the past week, on market news work, is expected to return to the office Wednesday.

D. W. Willingmyre, Livestock, Meats and Wool, is on an official trip selecting and purchasing wool samples in Wheeling, W. Va., Philadelphia, Pa., Boston, Mass., and Columbus, Ohio, the samples to be used in wool standard sets.

An announcement from the Western Union Telegraph Company states that effective March 14 the restriction against the use of code in night and day letters within the United States is removed.

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The Secretary entertained the cotton delegates, members of the administrative office and cotton division, and their wives, at a dinner March 18 at the Bureau of Home Economics.

J. Clyde Marquis, Director of Economics Information, addressed the meeting of the students and faculty of the New Jersey College of Agriculture, at New Brunswick, N. J., March 21, on the subject of "Economic Trends in Agriculture."

O. C. Stine spent last Friday in New York City with members of the Port of New York Authority in connection with the Bureau's nation-wide study of apple production and distribution.

Robert Bier, Fruit and Vegetable Division, has been delivering a series of talks recently before a class in marketing at the Maryland Agricultural College, College Park, Md., on marketing problems, particularly standardization and inspection. One afternoon last week members of the class met him in Washington and together they visited the produce yards. Mr. Sherman had previously addressed this college class.

W. P. Barbot, of the New York Cotton Office, attended the Cotton conferences last week.

A. E. Prugh, who has been handling market reports on lettuce at Brawley, Cal., will go to Phoenix, Ariz., upon the discontinuance March 23, of the Brawley office, and issue similar reports at Phoenix.

R. D. Jennings and Oscar Steanson, Farm Management and Costs, are organizing a study of systems for farming in the peanut growing areas in the States of Alabama and Georgia. They left March 19 and expect to be away about ten days.

O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, who is on leave for the purpose of conducting classes at Clark University, will call on I. C. Gray next Monday.

We regret to report that a brother of Miss Florence Lee, Livestock, Meats and Wool, had his foot amputated during the past week, resulting from an accident which occurred about seven months ago.

Lois A. Kirby has been placed in charge of the tabulating and computing work for the Crop Reporting Board. This position was formerly held by Mrs. Emma S. Thompson, whose death occurred in 1924. Mrs. Mabel E. Peirce, who has been acting in charge, will now devote her entire time to the work of revising the estimates of acreage and production back to 1866, under the direction of Joseph A. Becker.

C. G. Randall, Cooperative Marketing, is planning to leave April 5, for Sioux City, Iowa, where he will address the annual meeting of the Sioux City Livestock Commission Agency.

Announcement of the death on March 22, of Gideon L. Morris, Agricultural Statistician for Tennessee, received as this paper was going to press, came as a great shock to members of the Division of Crops and Livestock Estimates.

W. D. Dover, Livestock Meats and Wool Division, who was recently transferred from the Ft. Worth office to Chicago, is resigning effective March 22.

Former associates enjoyed greeting W. R. Meadows, Secretary of the Chicago Board of Trade, when in the Bureau recently attending the cotton conferences.

M. R. Cooper, Farm Management and Costs, and R. R. Pailthrop and J. W. Park, Fruit and Vegetable Division, were in New Jersey, Delaware and New York last week consulting with State representatives in reference to the Bureau's apple study.

L. E. Dowd reported for duty in the Galveston Cotton Office, March 16, as a Specialist in Cotton Classing. He will serve as a member of the Board of Cotton Examiners there.

William J. Kuhrt, Cooperative Marketing, left Monday for Hutchinson, Kansas, to deliver an address before the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Farmers' Cooperative Grain Dealers Association of Kansas, which meets on March 22-24. He will confer with college officials, officials of cooperative marketing associations in Omaha, Neb., Brookings, S. D., and other points in South Dakota, and in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., in continuation of the farmers' elevator study which he is conducting for the division. He will probably be back by April 4.

C. J. Galpin, Farm Population and Rural Life, found his office artistically decorated with spring flowers upon his arrival at the office March 16, the birthday greeting of his staff of workers.

THE COOPERATIVE SHIPPER for March carries a considerable portion of the address of C. G. Randell, Cooperative Marketing, which he delivered recently before the annual stockholders' meeting of the Central Cooperative Association in St. Paul, and concludes with the comment: "Mr. Randell left many thoughts which were of great value to producers in establishing and successful conducting of cooperative selling agencies."

Miss Mayme I. Herb transferred from the Division of Land Economics to the Bureau Library on March 16. In the Division of Land Economics Miss Herb held the position of supervisory clerk for several years. She will be engaged in work on the indexes to the State official sources of agricultural statistics in her new assignment. The Division of Agricultural Cooperation is particularly interested in this material, which is expected to be of much use in connection with research work which they have planned.

It is a pleasure to report that Mrs. Emily Fenton, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, who has been on sick leave recently, has returned looking very much improved.

B. B. Derrick, Cooperative Marketing, left Saturday for Bel Air, Md., and Williamsport, Pa., to confer with State Marketing officials and officials and members of farmers' cooperative marketing associations relative to membership relations, field service and educational work of these associations with their members. He will be away about two weeks.

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BUREAU ASSISTS ON PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

The Interdepartmental Committee and Sub-committees formed to study particular topics in the program of the International Economic Conference to meet at Geneva on May 4, under the League of Nations, have completed their work and recommendations have been submitted to the Department of State for consideration and approval. The Bureau was represented on the several committees as follows:

- O. C. Stine, "Interdepartmental" and "World Economic Position";
- E. C. Shoup and C. L. Luedtke, "Commerce";
- G.B.L. Arner, "Repercussion upon International Commerce of Reduced Purchasing Power";
- O. C. Stine, L.C. Gray, C.J. Galpin, V.N. Valgren, H.R. Tolley, C.L. Christensen, E.C. Shoup, L.H. Bean and C.F. Sarle, "Agriculture."

The proposal to hold an International Economic Conference was initiated by the resolution of the Assembly of the League of Nations at its sixth ordinary session on September 24, 1925. The general scope of the program is indicated in this resolution, which after expressing the conviction that "economic peace will largely contribute to security among the nations", proclaimed "the necessity of investigating the economic difficulties which stand in the way of the revival of general prosperity and of ascertaining the best means of overcoming these difficulties and of preventing disputes". The program has therefore to take account of the two objects contemplated by the Assembly: the prosperity and the peace of the world so far as they can be assisted by international discussion and collaboration.

The program provides for discussion of the following topics under agriculture: (1) present position of agriculture compared with pre-war conditions; (2) causes of present difficulties in agriculture; (3) possibilities of international collaboration between producers and consumers' associations; (4) continuous international exchange of information concerning agricultural conditions, scientific and technical research, etc., and (5) development of purchasing power of agricultural producers.

The delegates to the conference will not be authorized to act as spokesmen of official policy, but will enter into discussions and offer suggestions and recommendations. The designation of delegates has not yet been announced.

MISSOURI OUTLOOK MEETINGS REPORTED QUITE SUCCESSFUL.

Discussing the six farmers' outlook conferences which he attended in Missouri recently, Mordecai Ezekiel, Farm Management and Costs, states that the program at each was much the same. The general price situation, the foreign demand situation, and the outlook for hog prices,

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and for beef cattle, horses and sheep were presented by the several speakers, and varying with the different localities, the outlook for poultry, potatoes, apples or dairy products, were taken up. These meetings were part of a series of 26 meetings which Prof. H.C. Hensley of the Missouri College of Agriculture has been holding throughout Missouri.

Although at the beginning of several of the meetings farmers were somewhat hostile, taking the attitude that they were not greatly interested in the matter, by the end of the day they were very enthusiastic about the material that had been presented to them, passed resolutions spontaneously, and asked that the meetings be repeated another year.

In visiting the farm management workers in the Southeastern States on the way back to Washington, Mr. Ezekiel found them all much interested in what Missouri had done and in the possibilities of strengthening the application of the outlook work through the coordination of State farm management research and the current information which is being worked up in the Bureau. Several of the Southern States may put on extension campaigns next year similar to what Missouri has done and Mr. Ezekiel believes they will all use our outlook material with a better understanding of what it means than they have had heretofore.

MILK PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

ADOPTS REORGANIZATION PLAN.

At a delegates' meeting of the St. Louis Pure Milk Producers' Association on March 1, certain changes in organization suggested by D. L. James, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, which have been under consideration since last November, were approved and plans made to obtain signatures to the marketing contract which he had recommended as a new feature of their organization. The marketing contract designates the Association as agent for its members, for a period of three years, to sell their milk and other dairy products. Mr. James attended several meetings of dairymen in the St. Louis territory and explained his plan of organization, giving them information about other dairy associations of a similar character that are now in operation.

Before returning to Washington Mr. James also briefly investigated the marketing of Pacific Coast eggs in Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, Albany and New York. Large quantities of eggs are being shipped into the above named markets from the Pacific Coast cooperative egg marketing associations. The dealers handling the eggs from that section are very well pleased with their high quality and are gradually building up a good trade, because in addition to the high quality, they can get large quantities whenever needed that are uniform in color and size, all carefully graded and packed, and which bring a little higher prices. The great care exercised in the production, candling, grading, packing and shipping by the Pacific Coast Association contributes largely to winning the egg dealer's cooperation, as there is practically no loss in handling, his customers are better satisfied, and his net profits are more. High quality, large volume, and service are factors that are making Pacific Coast eggs popular with Eastern buyers.

CHIEF COMMENDS WORKERS'
EFFORTS AT COTTON CONFERENCE.

Before leaving for his Western trip Mr. Tenny addressed a letter to A. W. Palmer, in charge of the Cotton Division, and J. Clyde Marquis, commending the work of the personnel of the two divisions in connection with the recent cotton conference. To Mr. Palmer he said in part:

"I hesitate to mention any person especially, but I do feel that the work that Mr. Slade and his associates did in preparing the standards and the work that Mr. Finch did in handling much of the routine in connection with the conference, deserve special commendation. On the other hand, I know that practically every member of your staff used their utmost endeavor to perform one hundred per cent perfectly under the rather trying conditions of the last week.

Will you please express my appreciation to each and every one of your staff who was interested in the work of the conference. To you, in particular, I want to express my appreciation for I feel that you handled the work of the division in a splendid way."

In his letter to Mr. Marquis, Mr. Tenny said:

"There were some of the people in your division who were particularly concerned with the work of the cotton conference. I am thinking, of course, of those who are in the Photographic Laboratory and who are primarily concerned with the cotton standard work.

"I can not let this opportunity go by without expressing to you and, through you, to each member of your staff who was interested in the cotton work, my appreciation of the splendid work that was done."

NEW YORK WORKING FOR
IMPROVED LIVE POULTRY TRADING.

As a result of the combined effort of the trade, the State Attorney General's office, and this Bureau, three committees have been formed in New York City looking toward a betterment of conditions in the live poultry industry. The first committee will consider trading methods and practices; the second will endeavor to ascertain if a union terminal can be brought about in New York in which all live poultry can be brought to one point; the third will devise grades for live poultry. The committees will be composed of men from the trade, and representatives of the New York Live Poultry Commission Merchants, the Greater New York Live Poultry Chamber of Commerce, and the National Live Poultry Shippers Association. Representatives of the Attorney General's office, the State Department of Farms and Markets of New York, and this Bureau will serve on the committees in an advisory capacity.

Roy C. Potts, Rob R. Slocum and F.A. Buechel, of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, will attend a series of meetings of these Committees in New York City, beginning March 28.

MR. WILKINSON ASKED TO REPEAT
TOBACCO GRADING CLASSES.

The short course on tobacco grading, conducted recently at the North Carolina State College, in Raleigh, by F.B. Wilkinson, Warehouse Division, gave such satisfaction to students, they have requested that it be given annually. The classes were attended by 78 men, including farmers, tobacco buyers, fertilizer men, county agents, college students, and professors, the farmers representing more than half of the classes.

Prof. J.B. Cotner, of that college, in a letter to Mr. Tenny, states:

"Mr. Wilkinson, your tobacco specialist, handled the work in excellent shape. All the members of the course expressed their satisfaction when they asked that the course be made an annual affair. They also suggested that the date be changed to September so that they might take advantage of the training to more properly grade the crop of the current year. They stated also that they would be back in September and bring others with them. We are, therefore, going to meet this demand if possible and I take this opportunity to ask you for the services of Mr. Wilkinson to conduct the grading work sometime during the middle of September, exact date to be fixed later. * * *

"One of the subjects for comment among the class was the practical way in which the tentative grades have been made up and practical applications that Mr. Wilkinson made for their use. I feel that these grades will furnish a long felt need in the marketing of flue-cured tobacco. I extend to you on behalf of the college our appreciation in your cooperation of this short course, and please express to Mr. Wilkinson our appreciation of the excellent and efficient manner in which he conducted the work."

EVIDENCE TO BE FURNISHED
ON REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS.

In General Regulations #36 of the General Accounting Office, Supplement #1, the Comptroller General states in part that reimbursement vouchers "should not only show the day and hour of arrival at each place, but the date of arrival at the last mentioned place of uncompleted duty should be carried forward to subsequent voucher or vouchers so long as the traveler remains on duty thereat. If duty at a particular place within the traveler's itinerary is prolonged beyond a period of 30 days, his travel voucher should also state the approximate period to be covered by his duty assignment at such place, or the approximate date of return to official headquarters, or both, as well as any other pertinent facts which will tend to show that his duty at such place is of a temporary nature."

These regulations will be enforced by the Comptroller General beginning with accounts covering traveling expenses incurred during April, 1927, and in order to obviate the necessity of returning accounts for this information, travelers should see that it is shown in the account. The first entry on a continuing account should be the time of arrival at the place with which the account opens.

GIDEON L. MORRIS.

In the death of Gideon L. Morris, Agricultural Statistician for Tennessee, which occurred on March 22, the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates lost one of its veteran field men.

Mr. Morris had been in charge of the Tennessee office since February, 1915, and was one of the most respected men in the service. His wide farming experience in one of the best agricultural sections of the State, his thorough knowledge of conditions throughout his territory, the confidence reposed in him by well informed men in every walk in life, and his native soundness of judgment gave great weight to his conclusions. The Crop Reporting Board had very great confidence in his recommendations.

Mr. Morris was born February 25, 1866, on the farm north of Nashville which was his home as long as he lived. For a number of years he was a member of the State Legislature, and the friendships then formed with leading men throughout the State were of great value to him in his later work for the Department.

COTTON TECHNOLOGIST EXAMINATION ANNOUNCED

An announcement of an open competitive examination for Cotton Technologist has been made by the Civil Service Commission. Applicants are requested to have their applications on file not later than April 19, 1927. The entrance salary for this position is \$3,800 a year. Competitors will be rated on education and experience and a thesis or discussion, to be filed with applications. In an amendment accompanying the announcement the requirements covering education and experience are given as graduation from a college or university of recognized standing and an additional five years' experience of a responsible and technical nature in some branch of the cotton textile industry, or in related research or educational work. Copies of the announcement may be obtained from the Personnel Section.

ASK ME ANOTHER ABOUT THE BUREAU.

New Questions - How many can you answer before referring to answers on page 7?

1. What divisions have several branch offices and what divisions operate only from Washington?
2. How many employees are on the Bureau rolls in Washington and in the field? How many technical; how many clerical?
3. How many years has the Bureau issued Outlook Reports?

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending March 25 are:

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ASK ME ANOTHER ABOUT THE BUREAU.Answers to last week's questions:

1. The total appropriation for the Bureau for the current fiscal year (1926-27) is \$4,896,397.

2. During the fiscal year 1926 the following amounts were returned to the Treasury by the Bureau as Miscellaneous Receipts:

Sale of grain samples.....	\$ 7,494.31
Fees under the Food Products Inspection Service.....	218,862.09
Fees under the Warehouse Act.....	5,892.00
Collection in appeals under the Grain Standards Act.....	41,295.57
Receipts from Center Market.....	248,572.67
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	761.75
Total.....	522,878.39

3. The Crop Reporting Board, which was created some years ago by the Secretary of Agriculture, is the agency through which all of the important crop forecasts and estimates are assembled and released to the public. It is composed of a Chairman and three permanent members, (two for cotton) who are thoroughly trained statisticians with years of experience in crop estimating work. In addition to the permanent members, two or three (always three for cotton) of the field statisticians are brought in from the field offices each month to serve as members of the Board. The Crop Reporting Board determines, from an analysis of the data gathered and compiled for it, the forecasts and estimates which the Department publishes relating to the various crops. In doing so the Board acts as the direct representative of the Secretary of Agriculture and all the reports which it releases must be approved by him or the Acting Secretary before publication.

Answers to this week's questions:1. Branch Offices

Crop and Livestock Estimates
Cotton Marketing
Grain Marketing
Livestock, Meats and Wool
Fruit and Vegetable Marketing
Dairy and Poultry Marketing
Hay, Feed & Seed Marketing
Warehousing

Washington Only

Statistical and Historical Research
Farm Management and Costs
Cooperative Marketing
Agricultural Finance
Land Economics
Farm Population and Rural Life
Economic Information
Center Market

2. Scientific

Washington 264
Field 742
Totals 1006

Clerical and Sub-clerical

575
385
1000

3. Five outlook reports have been issued. The first one was released in 1923, and since that date one has been issued each year. The first one was prepared by outside economists.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Arthur W. Palmer will attend the fourth annual convention of the Atlantic Cotton Association at Greensboro, N. C., April 4 and 5.

Edward A. Foley, of the London office, left March 25 for points in California, Oregon and Washington where he will confer with Bureau officials, exporters, and others concerning the marketing of fruits and vegetables.

J. Clyde Marquis attended a conference of representatives of the State Bureau of Markets and baking organizations in Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, March 24, held to discuss the desirability of making some studies of distribution and consumption of bakery products, including bread, pastries, etc. The bakery interests believed it desirable to study their market more closely and to discover, if possible, the present trends in the consumption of bakery products.

H. S. Yohe will address the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Banking on March 30 and on April 1 the joint classes studying banking at Columbia University. He will discuss the Warehouse Act and its relation to the financing of agricultural commodities.

Stanley L. Kedzierski, Associate Agricultural Economist, reported for duty March 21 in the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products.

George O. Gatlin, Cooperative Marketing, will leave April 4, for Raleigh, N. C., Columbia, S.C., Atlanta, Ga., and Montgomery, Ala., to confer with officials of cooperative cotton marketing associations and other agricultural workers regarding cooperative marketing methods and practices. He expects to be away about three weeks.

O. M. Johnson and H. A. Turner, Land Economics, have arranged to go to points in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Mississippi, the early part of April to obtain information and records regarding recent adjustments in land tenure and utilization, with a view to ascertaining the causes of the changes and recommending improvements in tenure relationships which will lead to a better system of farming. This work will keep them in the field about six weeks.

W. C. Davis, Livestock, Meats and Wool, checked up on the grades of meats handled at the Veterans Bureau Hospitals at Chillicothe, Ohio, and Aspinwall, Pa., recently, following attendance at the Chicago meat grading meeting called by the National Livestock and Meat Board. He also spent some time in Philadelphia and Boston interviewing prospective meat graders.

Harry Milliman and L. P. Crennen are transferring from the Chicago to the Minneapolis Grain Office effective April 1.

J. B. Hutson, Farm Management and Costs, left March 24 for points in Kentucky and Mississippi for the purpose of conferring with officials of Agricultural Experiment Stations and others regarding cooperative farm records and accounts studies being carried on in those States. He expects to return April 4.

Miss Jewell McMillan, Clerk in the Houston Cotton Office, transferred to the Galveston office March 16. She will serve as Acting Secretary to the Board of Cotton Examiners.

J. A. Burgess, Livestock, Meats and Wool, left March 27 for Boston, New York and Philadelphia to confer with local representatives and members of the trade relative to the market news service.

E. G. Parker and George Butterworth, Cotton Division, were in Clemson College, S. C., last week for the purpose of grading samples of cotton to be used in conducting spinning tests at Clemson Agricultural College on the several grades of the universal cotton standards.

Wm. I. Holt, London Cotton representative, is investigating cotton marketing conditions in New Orleans, La., Atlanta, Ga., Greensboro, N. C., Montgomery, Ala., Houston, Tex., Memphis, Tenn., and Greenville, S. C.

Gordon Bockhaus, formerly messenger in the office of the chief, now holding a clerical position in the City Post Office, visited his former associates in the Bureau last week.

The appointment of Miss Dorothy Nickerson has been approved as Principal Scientific Aid (Color Technology). Miss Nickerson will conduct color research work for the commodity divisions in connection with standardization of agricultural products, namely, hay, cotton, meat, etc.

A. M. Agelasto, Cotton Division, will leave April 3 for Norfolk, Va., Raleigh, N. C., Charleston, S. C., Savannah, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., New Orleans, La., Memphis, Tenn., Greenwood, Miss., Little Rock, Ark., and Houston, Tex., to investigate prices and quotations established for spot cotton by the spot cotton exchanges and secure information which will assist with the proper enforcement of the Cotton Futures Act.

George W. Morrison, Grain Division, left Sunday for Illinois, Indiana and Ohio to confer with field officials of Federal Grain Supervision relative to personnel equipment and apparatus for field operations for the coming crop season.

Encouraging news comes from Mrs. Louis D. Robbin, Personnel Section, who was taken to Georgetown Hospital recently on account of pneumonia.

Miss Bertha P. Cooke, Grain Division, is enjoying a week's vacation in Atlantic City.

Members of the Division of Economic Information directly concerned with publicity work spent an interesting and profitable hour last Friday going over various phases of the work of the Division of Hay, Feed and Seed. Seed marketing investigations, hay standardization and inspection, bean standardization and inspection, feed marketing investigations, and the several news services, particularly for grain, were some of the projects which were explained. The operation of the Munsell Color Machine, used to classify hay according to color, was found especially interesting. The visitors came away with a better idea and greater appreciation of the scope of the hay, feed and seed work.

C. J. Galpin, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, will open the sessions of the Institute of Research Methods in Rural Sociology, at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., April 4 to 9, called by the sub-committee having in charge research studies of farm population and rural life, under the Funnell Act. He will discuss a historical survey of research in this field and will present selected studies that this Bureau is making throughout the country in cooperation with various agencies. He will also present an outline which he has prepared of the essential steps in rural research, which at this point of progress in the work will be of great value to the sub-committee, working as it is in a more or less uncharted branch of investigation.

E. L. Kirkpatrick, Farm Population and Rural Life, will also attend sessions of the Institute.

Wm. A. Schoenfeld spent several days in Washington the early part of the week taking up questions in connection with the study of production and marketing of dairy products in the New England States with officials of the Division of Cooperative Marketing.

C. L. Finch, Cotton Division, is planning to attend the Oklahoma State Cotton Exchange meeting at Oklahoma City, April 9.

Just as this paper is being released, word comes of the death of Peter J. Keleher of the Section of Accounts. It is understood that death occurred on his way home from office.

F. P. Downing, formerly in charge of the package standardization work, now with the Acme Veneer Package Co., Orchard Park, N. Y., was a visitor in the Bureau last Monday.

G. A. Collier, Hay, Feed and Seed Division, will leave April 4 for Richmond and Norfolk, Va., Raleigh and Greensboro, N. C., Columbia, Charleston, Aiken and Spartanburg, S. C., Savannah and Atlanta, Ga., Jacksonville, Fla.; Montgomery and Auburn, Ala.; and Jackson, Miss., to confer with market correspondents, State marketing officials, directors of extension, farm paper editors and the trade relative to the operation and development of the grain, hay and feed market news service in that territory.

The attention of all employees interested in securing advances of funds for subsistence and other expenses is called to the circular outlining the new procedure in this connection which is being issued by the office of the Business Manager this week.

